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Our London Letter.

HISTORIC DECISIONS AT THE IMPERIAL CONFERENCE.

THE RELATIONS OF BRITAIN AND THE DOMINIONS.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

LONDON, November 27th.

The outstanding event of the week is, of course, the official announcement of agreement concerning the status of the great Dominions in relation to Great Britain. Absolute equality has been arrived at, the definition being printed in italics in the Report of the Imperial Relations Committee, and approved by the Imperial Conference. The paragraph, referring to the Dominions, reads:—"They are autonomous communities within the British Empire, equal in status, in no way subordinate one to another in any aspect of their domestic or external affairs, though united by a common allegiance to the Crown, and freely associated as members of the British Commonwealth of Nations."

Of course, this sentence merely sets down in clear language the formal recognition of conditions already well developed in practice. The Report further states that "the principles of equality and similarity, appropriate to status, do not necessarily extend to function," and there is the further statement, "It was frankly recognised that in this sphere, as in the sphere of defence, the major share of responsibility rests now, and must for some time continue to rest, with H.M. Government in Great Britain."

The King's New Title.

The keynote of the Report is the definite and unequivocal allegiance to the Crown which it embodies. In this connection the fact is to be noted that the style and title of the Crown are to be changed. The King is still described in his title as "King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas." That is now inaccurate. Henceforth, with King George's full approval, he will be known, when the necessary authority has been given by Parliament, as King of Great Britain, Ireland, and the British Dominions beyond the Seas. The change has been necessitated by the creation of the Irish Free State with Dominion status.

Another very interesting point is in regard to the position and duties of the Dominion Governors. The actual Constitutional position of these representatives has never before been clearly set forth. They have combined the functions of constitutional representative of the Crown and agent for practical purposes of the Home Government. This is now to cease and the Dominion Governors will stand in precisely the same relation to his Government as the Sovereign to the British Government; and official relations between the Home Government and the Dominion Governments will be carried on by direct diplomatic correspondence or through any more personal agency that may be determined.

Looking Ahead.

Several important and difficult questions are dealt with in the Report, and some are referred to a Special Committee. They include the position of the Privy Council as a final Court of Appeal; the conditions under which the treaty-making power, already recognised as belonging to each Dominion, should be exercised; the technical right of the Crown to disallow Dominion legislation; the complicated and difficult subject of merchant shipping legislation by the British Parliament, and so forth. The business of adaptation is to go on quietly and steadily. The point to bear in mind, when all is said, is that the Report has gone no further than to define publicly the theories that were already accepted in practice.

It is curious to observe that although the Foreign Office here was reluctant to have the question of Dominion relations hammered out at the Imperial Conference, the Department is now enthusiastic about what has happened. They shied at first at the idea of the Dominions being independent in matters of foreign policy. But it is now evident that the formulation of that independence increases, not diminishes, the importance of the Foreign Office in Imperial affairs. Hitherto the Dominions Office in London has been the channel between the British Government and the Dominion Governments.

The chief use of the Dominions Office has been to send out dispatches and telegrams to the Dominions. Dispatches and telegrams will now probably decrease in quantity, and communication will be effected through Ministers Plenipotentiary. It is being already suggested, I hear, that the Colonial Office will be eventually merged in the Foreign Office.

A Chinese Solicitor.

Miss Kathleen Hoang, aged 23, a Chinese girl, has received numerous congratulations this week on passing her
(Continued on next column).

SIR ERNEST WILTON IN DIVORCE SUIT.

MEETING AT TIENTSIN.

A REMARKABLE LETTER.

A remarkable letter was read in the Divorce Court on November 22nd when Mr. Justice Hill granted a decree nisi to Mr. Charles Robert Morling, of Park Lodge, Park Place, Knightsbridge, a retired merchant, in the suit brought against his wife, Violet Evelyn, on the ground of her misconduct with the co-respondent, Sir Ernest Colville Collins Wilton, whom she met at Tientsin and afterwards at the Legation, Riga.

Mr. Alfred Bucknill appeared for the petitioner, who, in his evidence, said he married on Boxing Day, 1900, at the British Consulate, and then at All Saints' Church, Tientsin. It was at Tientsin that they met Sir Ernest Wilton.

After Mrs. Morling had come to England Mr. Morling heard, on September, 1922, that she was at Riga, where Sir Ernest Wilton was at the Legation. When she returned with Mr. Morling to Tientsin her affection had diminished.

In 1924 they were home again, and she would not accompany him back to China. On Christmas Day he received a letter from her stating:—

"Now comes the hard part of my letter to write. I hate to hurt you. I fear it will be a blow to you when I say I cannot join you. I must say it now before you make your plans. It must be now or never that we part, since, thinking you did not love me, I let myself love another man. It was not his fault. He had gone away, but I found out, by chance or fate, and was happy to find someone loved me."

"I am taking an awful plunge and staking all my chances in life on the hope you will divorce me. I know someone else must be dragged into it, but it would be better than three people living lonely, unhappy lives."

Mr. Morling replied that what she asked was impossible, and he and his wife resumed their married life.

It was not until this year that she admitted misconduct at Riga in 1922. On April 12th he was going to Queen Anne's Mansions and found there a letter from his wife saying:—

"I am leaving here before you come, and I can never return to you. I only hope you will not harden your heart against me and refuse to divorce me."

Mr. Morling said he and his wife never met again, but on June 14th he had a letter from her in which she said:—

"I love another man to whom I have been greatly attached for many years. She enclosed an hotel bill, and added, 'It is our intention to get married.'"

The Judge granted a decree nisi on evidence of misconduct at a Kew Hotel.

CHINESE PATRON OF ENGLISH ART.

A SINGAPORE MILLIONAIRE.

A Chinese millionaire patron of English art is, if not an anomaly, at least a rare avis, says a correspondent to the *Daily Chronicle*. Yet I have just heard of one in the person of En Tong Sen, of Singapore, who has given a commission for five pictures to Mr. J. H. Ambrose.

They are intended for Mr. Sen's palatial home, which houses over £100,000 worth of furniture bought in London during the past two years.

Ambrose was the youngest artist who received a commission to decorate the walls of the Royal Exchange, where his Henry VI. and the Train Bands marching through London may be seen. He was educated at the Royal Academy Schools, for he is an Englishman in spite of his foreign name.

One of his still life pictures, "Toby Templed," a Cupid statuette whispering to a Toby jug, was greatly admired by the Queen at the Dominion Exhibition.

Ambrose also paints portraits, and on his easel I saw a vivid one of "Sapper."

examination as a solicitor in London. She lives with members of her family at Twickenham, and has been in this country for seven years. I learn that she was born in British Guiana, and is a British subject. It is quite noteworthy for a woman to pass the final solicitor's examination, which is a pretty stiff test of legal knowledge, but Miss Hoang has the added distinction of being the first Chinese of her sex to do so. It is said that she has shown a gift for conveying, She served her articles with a firm of solicitors in the West End.

There are many people who find that solicitors' letters are not welcome things to receive, and there would certainly be a decided piquancy to be asked by a Chinese to "send a cheque by return of post if further proceedings are to be avoided," etc. But this is a remote prospect for potential delinquents, at least in England, as it is stated that Miss Hoang, after a tour round the world, is to practise in China.—H.B.

THE WEEK'S DIARY.

To-day.

Christmas Day.
Bishop of London will celebrate Holy Communion at 8 a.m., and will preach in St. John's Cathedral, 11 a.m.

Christmas services at St. Andrew's Church.

St. Peter's Church: Christmas Communion, 8 a.m.; Sung Eucharist and Sermon, 11 a.m.

Football: Portugal v. China in Sunday Herald Charity Cup Competition. H.K.F.C. ground, 3.45 p.m.

Golf: Christmas Meeting competitions, Fanning.

Cricket: C.R.C. v. H.M.S. Hawkins; Capt. Dobbie's team v. Mr. T. E. Pearce's team on H.K.C.C. ground, 2 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "The Man on the Box."

World Theatre: "The Thief of Bagdad."

Star Theatre: "The Great Divide."

Sunday.

Bishop of London preaches on H.M.S. Hawkins, 9.30 a.m.; at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, 11 a.m. Visits Diocesan Girls' School and Blind Home in the afternoon.

St. Stephen's Day: Holy Communion at St. Peter's Church, 8 a.m., and matins and sermon at 11 a.m.

Christmas Carol Service and Organ-recital, St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, 6 p.m.

Social Gathering, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 7 p.m. Special invitation to Service men.

Yachting: Annual Race to Macao and back for Potts' Challenge Cup. Start, 7.30 a.m.

Golf: Christmas Meeting competitions, Fanning.

Cricket: Indian R.C. v. St. John's Ambulance Brigade (Indian Section), Sookunpoo, 2 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "The Man on the Box."

World Theatre: "The Thief of Bagdad."

Principal Mails:—Inward: Europe via Suez (Adyan). Outward: Europe via Siberia (Adyan), 9 a.m.; Australia and New Zealand via Sydney (Oulu), 9 a.m.

Monday.

St. Peter's Church, Holy Communion, 7.30 a.m.

Fanning Hunt paper chase.

Golf: Christmas Meeting competitions, Fanning.

H.K. Civil Service C.C. Annual Xmas Tree and Tea for members and families, 3.30-5 p.m.

Cricket: Army v. H.K.C.C. (Club ground); K.C.C. v. Navy; Club de Recreation v. Volunteers; Craigengower Cricket Club: Married v. Single.

Football: England v. Scotland in Sunday Herald Charity Cup Competition. H.K.F.C. ground, 3.45 p.m.

H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.

King Edward Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.

Boxing Day tea dance, Craigengower Cricket Club, 5.30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Boxing Night carnival dance, H.K. Hotel, 8 p.m.—1 a.m.

Repulse Bay Hotel Dance, 8.30 p.m.—12 midnight.

Tuesday.

The Holy Innocents: Holy Communion, St. Peter's Church, 7.30 a.m.

Bishop of London addresses Mothers' Union Quarterly Service, St. John's Cathedral, 10.30 a.m.

Cricket: Army v. H.K.C.C. (Club ground).

H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.

Victoria Diocesan Association "At Home" at City Hall for Lord Bishop of London. Tea, 4.15 p.m.; meeting, 5.15 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Oxford and Cambridge Society annual dinner, H.K. Hotel (Guest of honour, the Bishop of London).

Principal Mails:—Outward: Europe via Marseilles (Antalyas), 2.30 p.m.

Wednesday.

St. Peter's Church: Holy Communion celebrated by Bishop of London, 7.30 a.m.

Bishop of London visits Diocesan Boys' School and the Victoria Home, Kowloon, in the morning; lunches at Fanning; delivers devotional address at St. John's Cathedral, 6 p.m.

Cricket: Army v. Navy (H.K.C.C. ground).

H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.

Thursday.

Bishop of London visits various educational institutions in the Colony in morning; guest of honour at tiffin given by Old Marlburians, 1 p.m.; attends "At Home" of Chinese workers in St. John's Cathedral Hall; gives address at service for men in St. John's Cathedral, 8.20 p.m.

Cricket: Army v. Navy (H.K.C.C. ground).

H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.

Principal Mails:—Outward: Canada, U.S.A., etc., and Europe via Victoria, B.C., and Europe via Siberia (President Jefferson), 3.30 p.m.

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| 1 Pt. D.O.M. | 2 Qts. St. Julien Claret. |
| 1 Qt. Burgundy. | 1 Qt. Puritan Old Tom or Dry Gin. |
| 1 Qt. Martell's XXX Brandy. | 1 Qt. Vino de Pasto Sherry. |
| 2 Qts. King George IV White Label or Perfection Whisky. | 1 Phial Pomeranzen Bitters. |

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THE FAKED REMINISCENCES.

HOW THE FORGERY WAS TRACKED.

HESKETH-PEARSON ARRESTED.

The book of faked reminiscences "The Whispering Gallery," of whose publication and exposure an account appeared in a recent issue, was written by a Mr. Hesketh-Pearson, an actor, who has played minor parts at West End theatres.

The *Daily Mail* gives the following account of the negotiations between Mr. Hesketh-Pearson and Messrs. John Lane for the publication of "The Whispering Gallery."

There were present at the meeting:—Mr. B. W. Willett (Chairman), Mr. J. H. Crockett (Vice-Chairman), Mr. H. W. Carr-Gomm, Mr. Ronald Boswell, and Mr. Allen Lane (Secretary).

Mr. Allen Lane told the first part of the story. He said:

"The name given to me by Mr. Hesketh Pearson as that of the diarist responsible for the book 'The Whispering Gallery,' which was not to be divulged to anyone—not even a fellow-director—without the permission of the author, was that of the Rt. Hon. Sir James Rennell Rodd."

Mr. Lane admitted that when Mr. Hesketh Pearson first approached him with the manuscript he did not require that the name of the alleged author should be communicated to him in writing or be authenticated in any way.

Anxious to find out whether the supposed diarist was a person likely to have known the famous people mentioned in the book, said Mr. Lane, "I looked up 'Who's Who,' where I read this:

Mr. Lane pointed to the biographic note under the name of Sir Rennell Rodd in 'Who's Who.'

As regards the slipshod style of the book, a representative of the firm pointed out that they did not regard the manuscript as being word for word what had been written by the diplomat in question. Mr. Lane knew that Sir Rennell Rodd had written extensively, but believed, as the firm believed, that the book had been written up from a rough diary kept by him.

Chairman's Account.

The following is the story told by Mr. Willett, the chairman:

"On Nov. 18th, after the *Daily Mail*'s first attack on this volume of faked memoirs, we saw Mr. Pearson, and told him he must get in touch with the author, and obtain an answer to the *Daily Mail* criticism."

"He came back and saw Mr. Allen Lane and myself."

"On Friday night he was given a list of specific questions and asked to get replies to them. He went away with the questions, which dealt with points of criticism raised by the *Daily Mail*, and later he telephoned to say that he had seen the author and had got the answers."

"On his return he said—producing a small typewritten form—'I have had an awful time with the author. I have had the greatest difficulty in getting this from him. He is very excited and goes off at the deep end. He has said, among other things, that it is my fault; that I have given him all this publicity and that he did not want it.'"

"Handing over the typewritten form," Mr. Pearson continued, "I read it over three times at his request. I altered little things here and there, and eventually he was satisfied."

"Will Not Disclose."

Mr. Willett handed to the representative of the *Daily Mail* a document supposed to be dictated by the "diarist."

It reads:

"At the request—the almost hysterical request—of the editor of my diary, I make the following statement:

I am asked if I will disclose my name. The answer is that nothing will induce me to do so. The originals of my diaries have been returned to me and are now deposited with other documents which my executors will make public 25 years after my decease."

"I do not mind if I am believed or not. I should not have taken such elaborate precautions to ensure secrecy if I intended answering inevitable criticism of unimportant details."

I may say that I have already been approached from a certain quarter and have denied any connection whatsoever with the book."

"A Mistake."

"Mr. Hesketh Pearson next ran through a list of answers which he said the author had supplied to questions raised by the *Daily Mail*."

"Regarding the cigar which Lord Robert Cecil was stated to have smoked when anyone acquainted with Viscount Cecil knows that he has never smoked a cigar in his life, Pearson admitted that this was a mistake on his part. 'I put that bit in myself,' he said."

"As to the mistakes in spelling and in French, he said the author described them as misprints."

"His reply to Lord Oxford's denial that he ever called Mr. Lloyd George 'David' was stated by Mr. Hesketh Pearson to be that, in this case, he was not addressing himself to 'Mr. Lloyd George,' but was telling the company generally to 'Ask David!'"

"He added that at formal Cabinet meetings Mr. Asquith was always addressed as 'Prime Minister,' but that this was not a Cabinet meeting but an informal dinner party."

"More Write-up and Less Diary."

"About the story that the Earl of Nicholas had a youth fogged in front of his eyes, his answer was: 'See Maxim Gorky for confirmation.'"

"These alleged answers by the supposed 'diarist,' Mr. Willett continued, 'were brought to us with a plausibility that made us think that the *Daily Mail* was answered, although we formed the opinion that there was a little more 'write-up' and a little less diary than we had at first imagined."

Then came the next *Daily Mail* article, which made us decide to look further into the matter."

(Continued on next column.)

CHINESE GODS STOLEN.

300-YEAR-OLD CARVING ON IVORY TUSK.

LONDON SHOP RAID.

Two well-dressed men recently stole from a shop in Queen Victoria-street, London, a 300-year-old tusk, carved with figures of Chinese gods.

About 4 o'clock they went into the shop and told the assistant, Mrs. Boxall, that they had been sent by the proprietor to collect some money for concert tickets which he had bought from them.

Mrs. Boxall was suspicious, and refused to part with money, telling the men to wait.

While her attention was distracted one of them, who was standing behind his companion, seized the tusk. Both then dashed out of the shop, and they separated in different directions among the crowds in the street.

Painted in Colours.

The proprietor of the shop told a Press representative that a similar robbery occurred about a month before, when another valuable ivory figure was stolen. "The nominal value of the ivory tusk carving," he said, "is about £20, but to those collectors who specialise in this particular branch of Chinese art it was worth much more."

Both men were about 40 years of age, thick-set, and obviously English. A curious feature of the robbery, was that the thieves appeared to have definite knowledge of the value of their plunder.

This portion of ivory tusk, with raised figured carvings painted in colours, is hollow, and known in the trade as a spill vase. It was 12-14 inches high, and was the most valuable thing on the shelf in the shop.

Unless the thieves "planted" it on another art dealer before a description was circulated it would not be easy to sell without detection.

"We at once held a meeting and discussed the withdrawal of the book."

"We accordingly rang up Mr. Hesketh Pearson and said, it would be necessary to have the author's instructions for withdrawal, as there was gathering evidence which made us think that this should be done."

"Rather Glad."

"He replied: 'I think the author will be rather glad.'"

Later Mr. Pearson said: 'It is all right. I have telephoned to him and he agrees to instruct you to withdraw the book.' The printers were at once ordered to stop reprinting and a notice of withdrawal was issued."

"That day we decided to call a meeting of the directors for 10.30 on Sunday morning, so that we could have a discussion with Mr. Pearson there. We told Mr. Pearson at the meeting that we were not quite satisfied and that he had got to prove his contention in some way with the supposed author."

"After thinking awhile, Mr. Pearson replied that he was in honour bound not to communicate with the diarist by letter."

"We also suggested he should hold a telephonic discussion with the author with the secretary of the company listening in the room. He said the diarist had asked him not to telephone to his house."

Every test he turned down.

Prosecution Warning.

"We then told him that we should take such action that the author would probably prosecute us, in which case he—Mr. Pearson—would have to give evidence, and in that way the name of the author would be disclosed. Mr. Pearson replied, 'In that case I should deny that I gave you the name.'"

"We said: 'Would you then throw us over?'"

He replied: 'Yes, I should be forced to do so.'"

"We then adjourned but Mr. Pearson came back at 4 o'clock, and we resumed."

"Asked whether he had thought it over, Mr. Pearson said he could not comply with our request. We then asked whether he had any documents connecting him with the author, and he said that everything had been destroyed."

"We still felt dissatisfied and Mr. Allen Lane, the secretary of the company, went to see Sir Rennell Rodd, whose name had been furnished to him as the author of the diary."

Mr. Allen Lane told a *Daily Mail* reporter that Sir Rennell Rodd, when he saw him was amazed to learn that his name had been given as the author of "The Whispering Gallery."

Sir Rennell Rodd informed Mr. Lane that at the time when Pearson professed to have seen him and to have been in constant touch with him by telephone, he (Sir Rennell Rodd) had been travelling on the Continent."

Pearson Arrested.

Pearson was subsequently arrested on a warrant in the office of his solicitor and he pleaded "not guilty" to the charge which was for obtaining a cheque for £225 from John Lane, the Bodley Head, Ltd., by false pretences. The case came before the Marlborough Street Magistrate. Pearson's age was given as 39, and his address Abbey Road, St. John's Wood. Bail was allowed in one street of £500 and accused himself in £500.

How the Plot was Hatched.

It was in May, 1922, that the story started. Pearson became acquainted with Mr. John Dunbar, managing editor of Odham's Press, Ltd., and suggested serialising "The Whispering Gallery."

Mr. Dunbar was told that the name of the diarist was Sir Rennell Rodd, and at Pearson's request he sent the MSS. to Mr. Lane."

An interview was suggested, and the first interview took place at the Dog and Duck, Bury, near Pulborough, Sussex, and was continued at an hotel in Arundel."

Young Mr. Lane saw Pearson, who told him he had known of the existence of the diary for several years, adding that he was under a bond not to divulge the name of the author."

After some discussion it was arranged that Pearson would be paid £250 on the day of publication."



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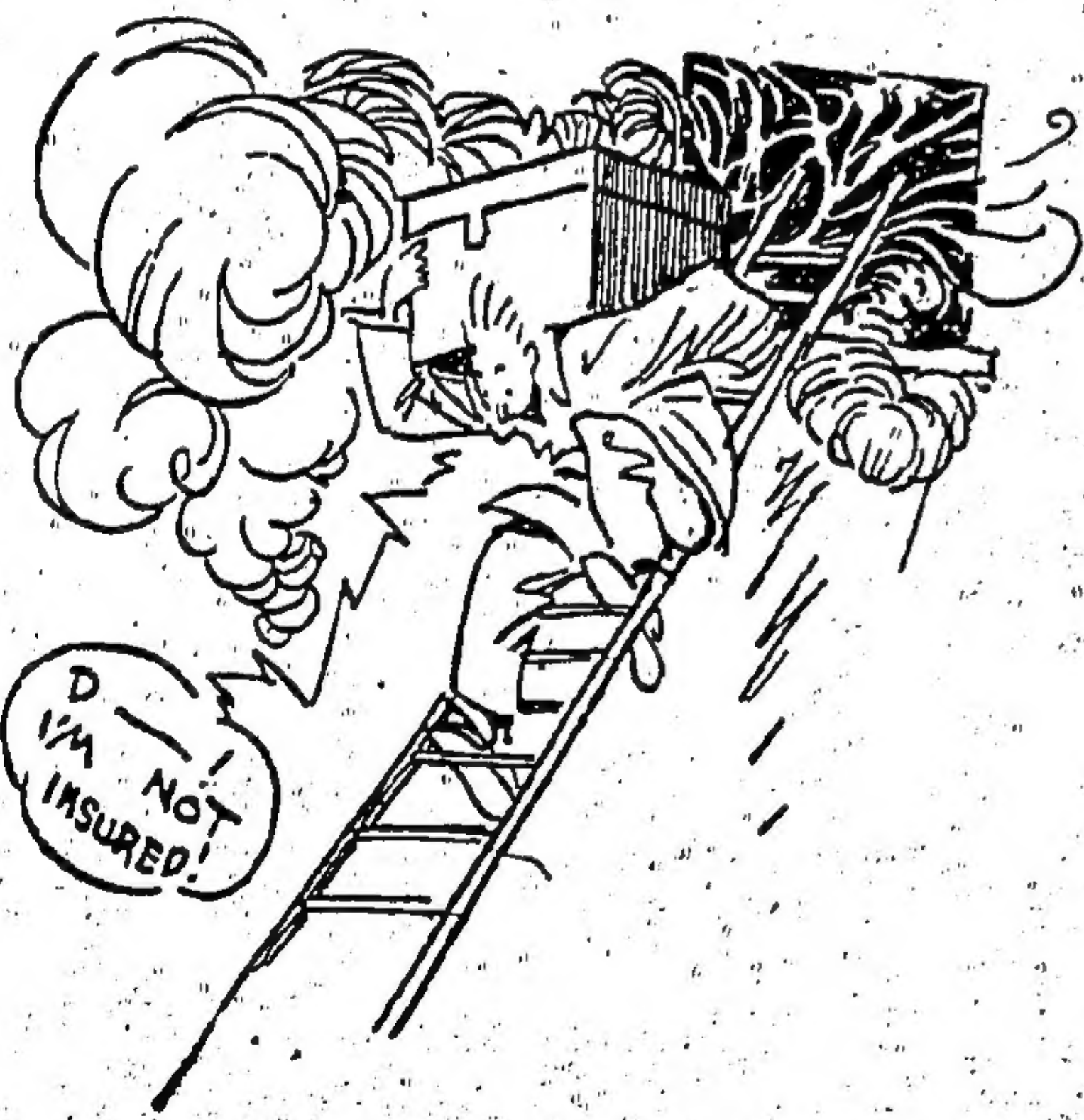
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NAVAL APPOINTMENTS.

For the second quarter in succession, H.M.S. "Vindictive," takes first place in order of merit of H.M. ships for the number of successful exercises in signalling with merchant vessels. She had the almost "record" total for the quarter ended June 30th last of 185, whereas in the March quarter she was top ship with 85. The Coventry, Mediterranean, was second in the June quarter—details of which practices are now announced by the Admiralty—with 62; the Cairo, East Indies, third with 59; the Cleopatra, Red Sea, fourth with 58; and then the Hawkins, China, flag ship, and the Euryalus, East Indies, with 49 exercises each. The total for the quarter was 1,115, as compared with 1,391 for the previous quarter. There were 22 failures to establish communication, as against 23.

On the mercantile side, the British India Co.'s vessels were again first with 81 successful exercises, but the P. & O. ships, with 67, were ousted from second place by the Ocean Steamship Co. (74), which was formerly fifth. The P. & O. line comes third, the British Tanker Co. and the Eldermax Lines tying for fourth place with 59 exercises each. Details of the tests show that all methods of communication were tried, flags, flashing, signals, and semaphore.

The following appointments were made by the Admiralty on November 18th:—Lieut.-Comdr. J. A. Douglas-Hamilton, to *Mantis*, Addl. (January 15th); and in command (undated); H. Hamilton, to *Cricket*, addl. (January 15); and in command (undated).

The following appointment was made by the Admiralty on November 23rd:—Capt. J. G. Glenconner, D.S.O., to *Fitzmaurice*, addl. (January 27th), and in command, and as Capt. (S.), 4th Submarine Flotilla (on joining).

SPITZBERGEN COAL.

A LAND OF BIRDS AND FUR
BEARING BEASTS.

An interesting account of Spitzbergen, which is noted for its important coalfields, and as a base for attempts to reach the North Pole, some 600 miles distant, was given by Dr. Robert Campbell, Edinburgh University, Thomson Lecturer at Aberdeen.

Dr. Campbell giving a broad, general impression of the country, said an interesting feature was the abundance of bird life in the summer season, the ptarmigan in some of the valleys being the only bird that lived there all the year round. There was a great wealth, particularly at low levels, of Arctic plants which in Scotland were confined to the highest mountain tops. The animal life, besides whales, consisted of fur-bearing animals like bears and foxes, and he pointed out the influence these had on the human development of the country—the whaling industry of the seventeenth century, the trapping industry by the Russians in the eighteenth century, and the subsequent development of hunting by the Norwegians.

The occurrence of coal in Spitzbergen was traced, and the lecturer said the future of the country appeared to depend largely on the success or otherwise of coal-mining. The country, which was formerly a no-man's land, was now under the Norwegian flag, subject to the mining rights of other nationalities. One Scotch company had very valuable and important coalfields in Spitzbergen.

DEAR LIVING IN FRANCE.

The improvement in the value of the franc has up to now had no influence on the cost of living in France, and Civil Servants and municipal employees are demanding increases of salaries.

M. Poincaré refused to consider the demand of the Civil Servants, and at a meeting of the Municipal Council discussion of the salary question was postponed.

Six thousand municipal workers decided to hold a demonstration in the Place de la Bastille and before the Hôtel de Ville, and they proceeded to these places in groups, singing the "Internationale." The police barred several streets and dispersed the demonstrators, but 3,000 of them succeeded in reaching the Place de la Bastille. It took the police half an hour to clear the square. Another group marched to the Hôtel de Ville, but a large force of police had already arrived there in motor lorries, and after several scuffles the manifestants were driven away.

EXCHANGE RATES.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

	Rugby, December 23rd.
Paris	122.5-16
Brussels	34.89
Amsterdam	12.131
Berlin	20.37
Copenhagen	18.21
Prague	1834
Helsingfors	1924
Lisbon	21-32
Buenos Aires	48.17-32
Shanghai	2/64
Yokohama	2/64
New York	45.5-10
Geneva	25.094
Milan	1064
Stockholm	18.15
Oslo	19.284
Vienna	34.374
Madrid	31.804
Rio	5.27-32
Bombay	1/6
Hong Kong	1/111
Silver (spot and forward)	24.11-16

JAPANESE TRADE.

SOME INTERESTING FIGURES.

We have received from the local Japanese Consulate-General the following particulars with regard to the commercial situation in Japan for the month of November:—

Japanese foreign trade returns compared with November last year show that the excess of export over import declined by 9 million yen.

The exchange market was weak owing to the expectation of an unfavourable balance of foreign trade. The money market was easy and there was an abundance of available capital at the Bank of Japan.

Trade was dull and prices of general merchandise rather weak. The raw silk trade showed no uneasiness owing to the excess of the stock and market improved. The market of cotton yarn has also increased owing to the settled price of American raw cotton and also to the reduction of working hours.

The foreign trade of Japan during last October was:—Exports, 177 million yen; Exports, 168 million yen; Excess of exports, 13 million yen.

Trade with China during October:—Exports, 41 million yen; Imports, 31 million yen; Excess of exports, 21 million yen.

The rate of exchange quoted by the Yokohama Specie Bank, Tokyo, on the 10th of November was:—On New York, T.T. \$484; On London, T.T. 2s. 4d. The amount paper money in circulation on the 10th of November was 1,148 million yen, and the amount of advances by the Bank of Japan up to that date was 275 million yen.

The proposed expenditure of capital on industrial development was 148 million yen. Merchandise in stock throughout the country was valued at the end of October at 478 million yen, and at the end of November at 511 million yen.

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

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Banking Bank	\$1,130 sel.
Do. London	\$116 nom.
Chartered Bank	\$11 sel.
Mercantile Bank & C.	\$204 nom.
Do. O	\$2144 nom.
P. & O. Bank	\$34 buy.
Kait Asia Bank	\$84 nom.
Canton Insurance	\$840 buy.
China Underwriters	\$1.45 nom.
North China Insurance	\$1.45 nom.
Union Insurance	\$290 nom.
Yongtong Insurance	\$2.45 nom.
China Fire Insurance	\$200 buy.
Hongkong Fire Insurance	\$614 buy.
Do. (Det.)	\$24 buy.
H.K. & M. Steamships	\$24 buy.
Hongkong Tugs	\$11 nom.
Indo-China (Frat.)	\$44 buy.
Do. (Det.)	\$44 buy.
Shell Transport	\$44 nom.
Star Lines	\$44 nom.
Swire	\$44 buy.
China Sugar	\$44 sel.
Malacca Sugar	\$44 nom.
Benguet	\$1.40 nom.
Kaiming Mining	\$24 nom.
Langkate (combined)	\$1.24 buy.
Do. (single)	\$1.12 nom.
Shanghai Exports	\$1.44 nom.
Shanghai Loans	\$1.8 nom.
Yantai	\$44 nom.
Tonghai Mines	\$24 buy.
Ural Alloys	\$44 nom.
H.K. & K. Wharves	\$44 nom.
H.K. & W. Docks	\$44 sel.
Mongkwa	\$1.170 nom.
New Engineering	\$1.54 nom.
Shanghai Docks	\$1.117 sel.
H.K. & S. Hotels	\$24 sel.
Hongkong Land	\$24 sel.
Hongkong Realty	\$4.15 buy.
Do. Territorial	\$3 sel.
Humphreys Estates	\$144 sel.
Prince's Buildings	\$24 nom.
Maral Lands	\$11 nom.
Ewo Options	\$1.84 buy.
Oriental	\$1.24 sel.
Shanghai Cotton (old)	\$1.64 buy.
Do. (new)	\$1.27 buy.
China Buses	\$1.94 buy.
Hongkong Tramways	\$2.14 buy; 22 sel.
Peak Tram (old)	\$144 buy.
Do. (new)	\$74 sel.
Singapore Tramways	\$24 sel.
Taxi	\$24 sel.
Amusement	\$16 buy.
Canton Loan	\$35 nom.
Cementa (combined)	\$10 sel.
Do. (old)	\$9 nom.
Do. (new)	\$2 nom.
China Lights (combined)	\$1.14 x. div. sel.
Do. (old)	\$1.18 x. div. sel.
Do. (new)	\$3.9 x. div. sel.
China Credit	\$34 buy.
Constructions	\$14 buy.
Dairy Farm	\$14 nom.
Do. A Wings	\$8 nom.
Hongkong Electric	\$574 nom.
Macao Electric	\$35 nom.
H.K. Ropes (old)	\$10 sel.
Do. (new)	\$5 sel.
Lane Crawford	\$8 nom.
Mackintosh	\$194 nom.
Shanghai	\$24 sel.
United Alloys	\$13 nom.
Wamona (old)	\$13 nom.
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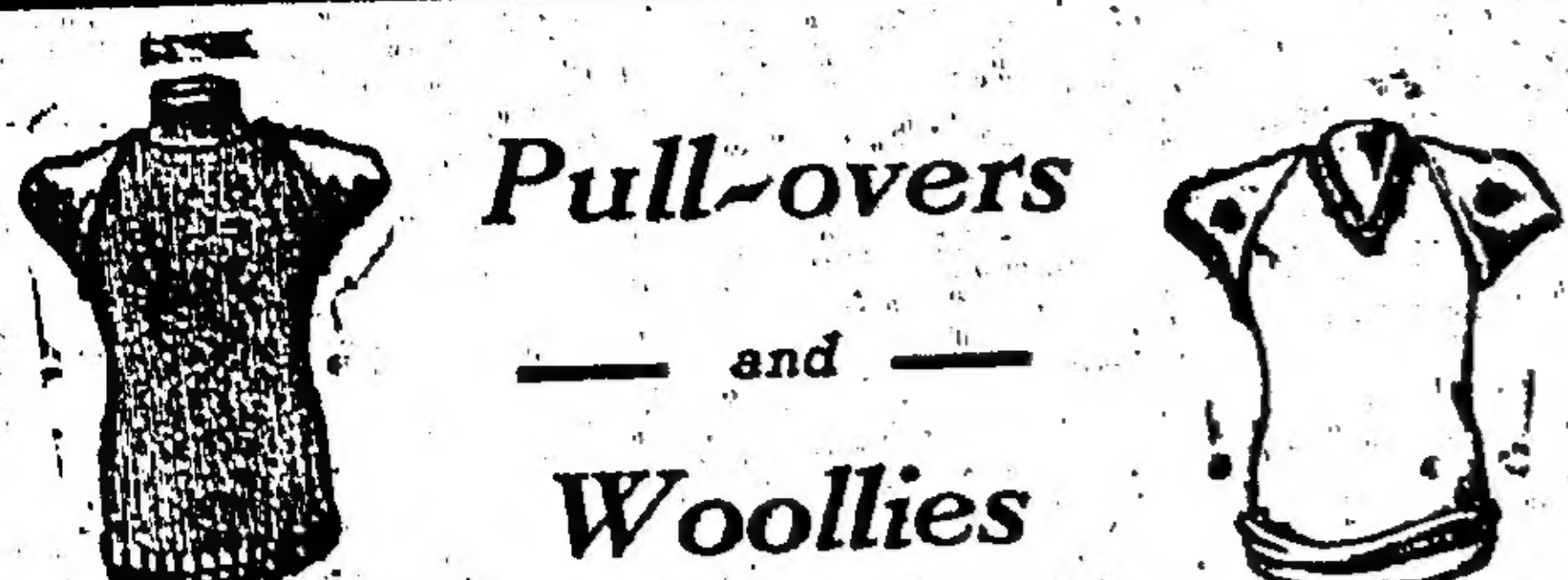
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HONG KONG STORYETTES.

NO. 2—"COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON."

[BY JOHN SAMPAN.]

Note:—All names in this story are fictitious.

The cultured voice of John Lister had lost all its pleasant tones of *voix de soie*, and was actually husky with astonishment as well as anger.

"You unspeakable young cad!" was all he seemed to be able to say.

The youth addressed—by name John Harrison—(the older man seemed somewhat aggrieved that even his Christian name should be borne by someone so out of the pale of all that was possible in civilisation) opened his mouth as if to reply in equally wrathful terms—and shut it again; and there was a full minute's pause, during which the two glared at each other like the proverbial cave men. Then the younger spoke, in a very low and polite tone, in which, however, contempt, even greater than that of his companion, was distinctly audible through its civility.

"You have a pleasant advantage over me," he said. "Being able to insult me as you feel inclined, knowing I am not likely to give you back what you deserve, as you are Madge's foster-father. So I suppose that's that!"

He finished coolly enough, spun on his heel, and left the other man, astonished at such audacity plainly getting the better of even his anger smoking-room, in his luxurious house on one of the loveliest crested hills of the Peak, Hong Kong.

John Lister put out his hand and touched the bell, with the air of one who could not think of anything better to do; and when the white-coated boy appeared silently and suddenly before him, he put his question with the same air of bewildered amazement.

"That young man," he asked. "Have you?"

"Have you?" the boy responded placidly, making his exit as noiselessly as he had appeared.

"Just as well, too!" snorted his master to himself, once more left alone. "The unparalleled confounded cheek! Of course, I don't blame him for admiring the kiddy—a cat may look at a king, I suppose. But—Intentions entirely honourable!"

"Had every hope of making a home for her by and bye!" Good lord! He talked like a novel written in Mrs. Henry Woods' salad days!

I believe he actually thought, because I insisted on his coming to the house to explain himself, instead of waiting in my office for the interesting interview, that I was inclined to favour him as a future foster son-in-law! And now I suppose I shall have a perfect hell of a time with Madge! They actually admitted last night that they have met six times since that ridiculous rich affair a fortnight ago! Who was to suppose such people were going to be at that Peak Club show last night? Xmas Fancy Party in aid of Waifs and Strays! If only women who have enough to eat and wear themselves could be taught to mind their own business instead of eternally getting up these "charitable" stunts for others who only voice them a nuisance when their patronage, there would be less trouble!"

He sighed involuntarily. "Charitable" entertainments always took him away in thought, even against his will, into the past, when he also had been a "junior," and had met the girl who was his wife for a few brief months, at a Charity Ball. A Christmas Eve affair it was too, like this disastrous one last night, only in London, and very long ago. Yes, twenty-four years ago exactly—how the time went! He had been married a couple of months later, and lived for another four in a youthful paradise, until the day they quarrelled. It seemed such a lame, out-of-date word, but that was all it was—just the sort of quarrel in which lots of married people, he felt sure, indulged every day or two, just to give existence.

Of course, he knew he had lost his "junior"—he still lost it, he admitted, occasionally. If there had been the slightest suspicion of a man—a third party—in the business he would have had nothing to condemn himself for. But there wasn't. It was just one of those stupid and most dangerous of all—domestic tiffs concerning the price or quality of face-powder or Worcester sauce, that cause more wreckage on the conjugal sea than all the cruelty or immorality that ever existed out of modern novel pages or off the screen. Madge had threatened to leave him! And she was gone. As soon as he discovered her departure he took the train—a trifle ashamed of his childish outburst—to the house of her aunt, her only living relative, with whom she had always made her home.

Of course, she would be there, and be glad to "make it up." And she wasn't. And that was all there was in the memory; from that day to this she had been as completely lost to him as if he had stood beside her daisy-trimmed grave. He had lived alone for some years. And then a friend—his only real chum—had been killed, he and his wife together, in a motor accident, and John Lister, more desolate than any widower, yet proudly keeping his desolation to himself, had adopted their only child, a little girl of five, to shower on her all the love he might have given to his own dream-children. Her nurse, a decent, elderly woman, went with her, and had brought her, long after—a year on more ago now—out to Hong Kong to her foster father, when her school-days were at an end. He had been sent out to his firm's Hong Kong office during those school-days; and from being a "junior" he had risen bound by bond, until now—when Madge was eighteen, and beautiful enough to cause a second siege of Troy if necessary—she was the high and haughty, awe-inspiring *taipan*, in the

presence of whom his own juniors shivered in their shoes. Then, no wonder his disgust was almost incredulous at this presumptuous young ass—he didn't quite know what to call him, somehow! To think of a youth of admittedly only 23 years of age and equally admittedly almost nothing in the way of salary, with a mother who, he said, had only arrived in the Colony that morning, to be looked after—presumably a widow and dependent on his or her own devices for a livelihood—a youth who confessed to having, in the main, paid for his own education, though he spoke proudly and adoringly of his mother's efforts in that direction, whose father was possibly—using the term to imply legitimate relationship—only a myth—a youth who, in short, and *word of all*, was a miser-able reporter on a miserable local rag of a newspaper—to think of such a thing daring to aspire even to the glances of the *taipan*'s adopted daughter!

All because he—the youth—being well-favoured and presentable in appearance and manner (thus much Mr. Lister grudgingly allowed), had the good sense to save a charming girl from being trampled down and perhaps killed in a maddened Chinese crowd; after being tipped out of a ricksha by a desperate coolie who had in some way excited the anger of the mob and was fleeing from them without thought of what became of his luckless fare. Accordingly, maiden and worthless fortune-hunter had dared to meet and become friends, and more than friends, till it had culminated in the wretched Christmas Eve party last night, when he had actually caught them, in each other's arms, giving kiss for kiss, under that tamarind tree! Oh, it was under that tamarind tree! So unthinkable that he had packed Madge off, sorely against her will, to have her Christmas tiffin and tea with friends, while had interviewed the major culprit in the crime, and told him what he thought of him, as we have seen. And the up-start had not been crushed by all scorn, that was the puzzling part of it. If he had had John Lister's own public school training he could not have acted more in accordance with that gentleman's idea of the fitness of things. Possibly that was the stroke that hit the hardest of all; he had no right to be a gentleman, a miserable under-earning as much money as a well-paid house-boy; and yet he was, in John Lister's eyes, a gentleman.

John Lister rang the bell again, summoned to his dressing-room, allowed his boy to help him on with his outdoor things, and strode out into the bright, bleak Christmas air. It was four o'clock; he should have been having a cosy, festive tea with Madge and her friends; it was abominable the way Fate treated him, this lucky yet luckless *taipan*; the only consoling factor in the situation was that Madge and her would-be lover were as luckless as he—and that wasn't as consoling as it might be, after all. He took the tram down to the city: his luxurious car was ready for him at the lower terminus, but he waved it aside, and walked on, through the Cathedral compound, and slowly, steadily, down Battery Path towards the half-deserted city streets. He didn't know exactly why he went; but anything was better than the house, after that upsetting interview.

Half-way down the Path, under the spreading banyans, he stopped, and stared at a woman who was slowly approaching him. And she, seeing him, stopped at the selfsame moment, and their eyes met. She was, to a casual observer, a very commonplace person; for her clothes were obviously cheap, and she was small and slight, and past all the freshness of youth, to one looking closer her somewhat tired and faded face still showed pathetically brave traces of real beauty. Suddenly, John Lister's face, which had grown pale and grey, flushed a seaworthy red in boyish excitement. Instinctively, he lifted his hat—he was always first of all a gentleman, no matter how great his perturbation—and held out a hand. There was nothing at all strange in the mighty *taipan* of a mighty business house strolling down Battery Path and pausing to speak to a lady there, even though she be not dressed quite to the demands of expensive mediocrity. But it was not quite within the bounds of convention for him to hold her hand as though his were a fur-gloved vice, and to call her "Mabel!"

"Mabel!" in a voice that was full of joy and incredulous triumph. They walked slowly round the quietness of Albert Road while they talked.

"I knew you would find me if I kept to my proper name," she said, in answer to his query. "And I couldn't bear for you to, then—I was so angry!" She smiled slightly, with a quivering lip. "Especially when I knew that I was to be—the mother of your child!"

She was looking away from him, and did not see the awe in his eyes as she said it.

"So I took my mother's maiden name—I knew you wouldn't remember being that it was Harrison."

"How he started! Dear heaven, was everyone in the universe surnamed Harrison, just now?"

"Then after you see, when I'd used up all my little scrap of money, and managed to get a position, I couldn't very well charge it—the people who were kind to me would have been suspicious—and so it just dragged on; and when John grew older and was known by it, the only thing to do seemed to be to let it always be his name—and—oh, I know that part of it was wicked or weak or whatever you like to call it—but I have never yet told him the truth—he thinks his father died—it was so silly, stupid, the real truth, to have to tell a modern sensible boy!"

"Yes, yes! He understood, of course. So silly, stupid! The truth is so often more stupid than a falsehood can possibly be."

And so they walked and talked, while the lateening hours of the Christmas afternoon closed in around them. It may be given to only one man and woman in a thousand to love as John and Mabel Lister, with a love that was as fresh and ready to bloom again in the autumn as it had been in the gay young spring, four and twenty years gone by; but the years slipped away with the tone of a voice, the twitch of a smile, and the other all over again—just they two—!

But as they turned a corner of the road they paused; for they were not the only Europeans along that particular road—nor even the only lovers! A young man and a young woman were coming towards them, walking slowly, engrossed in the other's attentions. And if Mabel Lister only knew the one by sight, to her husband they were both extremely and bewilderingly familiar.

That is, considering the sudden altering of life's entire values to him within the last hour; for they were his adopted daughter Madge, and the youth he had known as John Harrison, at whom he had hurled contempt for aspiring to be the adopted son-in-law of his own magnificent self—and now! Why hadn't some instinct whispered to him! Of course, those were Mabel's brown eyes, and that was his own straight figure with the square shoulders!

"I thought you had to go to your office, John!" So the young man's mother greeted him.

"I thought you were at Lady Fawcett's having tea, Madge!" Thus the young lady's greeting from her guardian.

The alleged John Harrison looked in almost beseeching perplexity from his mother's face to that of her companion, as the latter very gravely held out his hand. "I'm afraid you have a distinct advantage over me this time, my dear sir," he said. "For I had no idea that you were an acquaintance of my mother's."

"The advantage is all on your side, I fancy," said the older man quietly, little ghosts of boyish mirth playing round his handsome mouth. "For I had certainly no idea that you could claim acquaintance with my wife!"

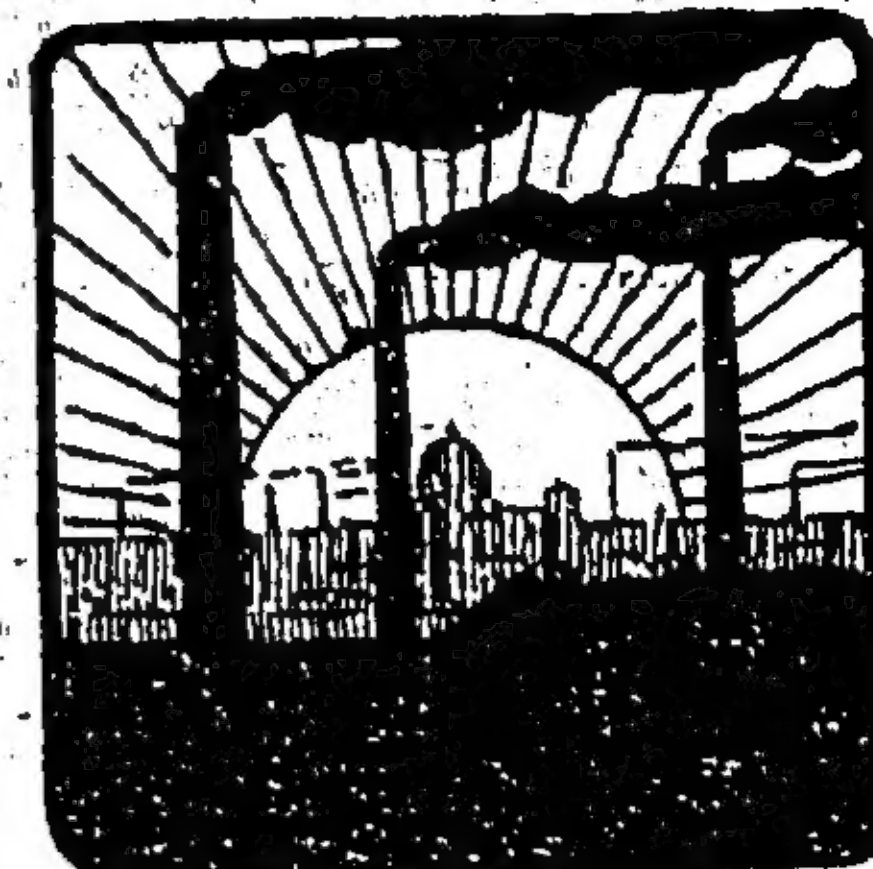
The Rev. Richard Cameron and his wife passed the party a little later as they sought their waiting car; the Camerons were on their way down to Christmas dinner with friends at one of the colleges.

"There are the Listers," said Mrs. Cameron. "We can't stop, as they have strangers with them, but I must call to wish them a Merry Christmas, even though it's two parts over now; doesn't Madge look beautiful to-day! And dear old John O. L. is generally so hard and haughty looking, it's quite nice to see him look so approachable and pleasant! And who are the other people, Dick, do you know? Mr. Lister so seldom seems to be taking people into his car in that homely, familiar fashion."

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BREACH OF PRISON DISCIPLINE.

INDIAN WARDER FINED.

The case in which an Indian warder of the Victoria Gaol was charged with giving 5 envelopes to a prisoner employed at the Printing Department of the Gaol, and with offering a bribe of \$5 to Warden Collins to conceal the fact, was brought to a conclusion yesterday afternoon at the Central Magistracy before Mr. R. E. Lindell.

Mr. J. D. MacCallum, for the defence admitted that there was a breach of prison discipline, but the crime was not so serious that the Superintendent of the Gaol could not have dealt with it departmentally.

His Worship, however, found that the defendant was guilty of a serious breach of the Prison's Regulations, in that he took into the prison, articles of a private nature without lawful excuse.

A fine of \$75 was imposed or in default six weeks' hard labour.

HEALTH BULLETIN OF EASTERN PORTS.

The Health Bulletin for Eastern ports for the week ending December 18th states:

PLAQUE.
8 cases at Mauritius.
1 case at Rangoon.
1 case at Colombo.
1 case at Sourabaya.
3 cases at Bangkok.

CHOLERA.
51 cases at Calcutta.
9 cases at Negapatnam.
1 case at Rangoon.
1 case at Singapore.
8 cases at Tournay.
1 case at Bangkok.

SMALL-POX.
1 case at Aden.
6 cases at Bombay.
97 cases at Calcutta.
1 case at Negapatnam.
9 cases at Madras.
2 cases at Singapore.
1 case at Shanghai.

"Yes," returned her husband. "At least, I don't know the lady, but the man is young Harrison, a reporter of six months' standing on the *Daily News*—it rather puzzles me—I didn't know he was a friend of theirs—old John O. L., as you call him, is generally so—oh, well, it's no use conjecturing, we may know some day." The Compliments of the Season," he called cheerily across the road, as the others saw them and smiled and bowed.

"The same to you!" called back John Lister, with a very unwonted heartiness in his voice.

"The same to you, a Merry Christmas!" He had to say it, if the day were well-nigh over; "Compliments of the Season" was a very courteous wish—but a "Merry Christmas" suited him best just now!

THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS.

THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE YULETIDE.

CHURCH SERVICES, SPORTS, AND SOCIAL FUNCTIONS.

The spirit of Christmas was very evident throughout the Colony yesterday. Shops, hotels, restaurants and other public places, were gaily decorated with festoons of coloured chains, coloured lighting and the usual decorative paraphernalia.

There will be a long Christmas holiday this year, business houses generally closing down last night until Tuesday, and even Wednesday morning.

The local hotels have arranged social functions for both Christmas and the New Year Holidays, and the various Clubs are active as regards sport and social affairs.

Crowds thronged the central shopping district yesterday and there was, as usual the last minute rush before closing time on the shops. Shopkeepers and their assistants were kept hard at it all day, and particularly was this so as evening approached, when final purchases of necessities and gifts were hastily made.

"Flower Street" (Wyndham Street) as usual bore a very seasonable aspect. The stalls at its lower end were buried in a mass of blooms and the pavements were impassable with Christmas trees, of all shapes and sizes. The vendors did a brisk trade, and disposed of practically all their wares to generous buyers imbued with the spirit of the season.

Contrary to custom the Courts of Justice at the Supreme Court and at the Central Magistracy sat late in order that judges and magistrates might enjoy the festive season freed from the responsibility of half-finished cases.

Christmas Day will be for the most part set aside for worship at the Churches in the morning and festivities at home for both children and adults in the later part of the day.

Christmas Day will by most English families be spent at home for it is essentially the home festival and day for the youngsters, when besides presents and stockings and Christmas fare almost unlimited freedom of action is allowed in their revels. There are, however, one or two sporting functions, which will provide something for the outdoor holiday enthusiasts. Sport for the most part, however, is being held over until Monday, when there is a pretty full and varied programme.

The Churches.

There will be services in all the Churches of the Colony to-day.

At St. John's Cathedral there will be Holy Communion at 7 a.m. and again at 8 a.m., the latter service with carols. Following matins at 11 a.m., the Lord Bishop of London will preach. There will be Holy Communion at 12 noon.

At St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, the Rev. G. R. Lindsay (the Vicar) will preach at the eleven o'clock service, and there will be Holy Communion celebrated at 7.15 and 8.15 a.m.

At St. Peter's Church, West Point, there was a preparation service for the Christmas Communion yesterday evening, and at 11.30 the midnight communion service started. To-day Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8 a.m. and at 11 a.m. there will be Sung Eucharist.

At the Union Church, Kennedy Road, there will be service this morning at 10.45. Christmas hymns will be sung led by the Band of the 2nd Battalion of the King's Own Scottish Borderers.

To-morrow at St. John's Cathedral, the preacher at the eleven o'clock service and the evening service will be the Rev. H. C. Thomas (Chaplain to the Bishop of London). A social gathering is being held after Evensong, to which a special welcome is extended to all service men. There will be music and light refreshments.

At St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, the Bishop of London will preach at the eleven o'clock service. In the afternoon there will be a Young People's Service and at Evensong the Rev. W. Walton Rogers will preach.

Special services are also being held at St. Peter's Church, West Point.

Hotels and Clubs.

The hotels and clubs throughout the Colony expressed the spirit of the season with their festive decorations. On everyone's lips were the words "A Merry Christmas."

At the King Edward Hotel there was a happy Christmas Eve dinner dance, with a similar function at the Hong Kong and Repulse Bay Hotels. Next week there will be a New Year's Eve dinner dance at the King Edward Hotel, with the Rainbow Jazz Orchestra in attendance, as last night, while at the Hong Kong Hotel there will be a New Year's Eve Carnival from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., and a similar function at the Repulse Bay Hotel. A Boxing Night Carnival has been arranged for at the Hong Kong Hotel for Monday at the same time. At the Repulse Bay Hotel on January 1st there will be a tea dance. Late Peak trams and motor-coaches have been arranged in connection with these late events.

At the Craigengower Cricket Club on Monday there will be a tea dance from 5.30 p.m. to 8 p.m., and on New Year's Eve there will be the President's dance there, a noted annual function.

The Hong Kong Civil Service Cricket Club will as usual hold their annual Xmas Tree and Tea for members and their families. This function will take place on the Club ground on Monday, commencing with tea at 3.30 p.m., and the unloading of the Xmas Tree at 5 p.m. The annual Xmas Tree for the young people in connection with the Police Recreation Club will take place on New Year's Day, and the Kowloon Cricket Club, as usual, will hold their sports and prize distributions for members' children the same day.

Other Festures and Arrangements.

The European Y.M.C.A. at Kowloon has been gaily decorated and a merry Yuletide is promised to members, and their friends. The special programme arranged for both indoors and outdoors, including a football match and a hockey match against Navy teams, has already been published.

Then there are the cinemas for those who want a change from the fireside or sport. There will be performances throughout the afternoons and evenings during the Holidays at the Queen's, World and Star Theatres. Particulars of the specially attractive Christmas programmes will be found in our advertisement columns.

Holiday Sports.

There will be special competitions at the Christmas meeting at Fanling, under the auspices of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club. Details of this programme were given this week in our Golf Notes. The starting times arranged for the three days will be found elsewhere.

There is an international football match this afternoon on the Hong Kong Football Club ground between Portugal and China in the Sunday Herald Charity Cup competition.

There are also two cricket matches.

C.R.C. v. the Hawks.

Capt. Dobbie's team v. Mr. T. E. Pearce's team (H.K.C.C. ground).

To-morrow there will be the annual race to Macao for the cruisers of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club for the Potts' Challenge Cup. The course is 71 miles.

The Golf competitions will be continued.

At cricket, the Indian Recreation Club meet the Indian Section of the St. John Ambulance Brigade at Sookunpoo.

Monday's Sport.

On Monday there will be a paper chase under the auspices of the Fanling Hunt.

There will be more golf at Fanling.

Another international football match takes place in the Sunday Herald Charity Cup competition. This game will be between England and Scotland. The kick off is at 3.45 p.m., and the teams have already been published.

There are four cricket matches down for decision:—

Army v. H.K.C.C. (Club ground).

K.C.C. v. Royal Navy (Club ground).

Club de Recreo v. Volunteers (Club ground).

Married v. Single at Craigengower Cricket Club.

STARTING TIMES AT FANLING.

The starting times at Fanling for today, to-morrow and Monday are appended:—

To-day.

9.28 a.m. H. L. Smith, L. R. Andrews.

9.32 " H. L. Carson, N. M. Currie.

9.36 " J. S. McLaren, H. R. Cleland.

9.40 " N. K. Littlejohn, T. Low.

9.44 " A. Morley, J. F. Kennedy.

9.48 " R. L. Moncrieff, R. W. Lee.

9.52 " C. C. Stark, P. P. J. Wodehouse.

9.56 " W. B. MacKay, G. E. Towns.

10.00 " W. A. Butterfield, J. H. Hearn.

10.04 " W. L. Alexander, H. Carson.

10.08 " J. Morrison, I. W. Shevan.

10.12 " A. K. Mackenzie, H. U. Ireland.

Sunday.

9.28 " H. L. Carson, N. M. Currie.

9.32 " A. B. Raworth, M. H. Turner.

9.36 " Col. Boylan, Smith, E. R. Halford.

9.40 " W. L. Alexander, T. Low.

9.44 " A. E. Lissaman, N. K. Littlejohn.

9.48 " W. Ironside, J. S. McLaren.

9.52 " N. L. Smith, H. U. Ireland.

9.56 " A. Ritchie, H. R. Cleland.

10.00 " M. M. Maas, J. K. Bousfield.

10.04 " A. H. Ferguson, L. R. Andrews.

10.08 " T. Megarry, J. F. Kennedy.

10.12 " A. O. Brown, A. B. Purves.

10.16 " W. A. Butterfield, M. Drevard.

10.20 " E. Grimble, H. G. Sheldon.

10.24 " J. H. Hearn, T. G. Monaghan.

10.28 " L. G. S. Dodwell, H. G. Hegarty.

10.32 " J. Coulthart, G. E. Ellama.

Monday.

9.28 " A. K. Mackenzie, H. R. Cleland.

9.32 " A. H. Ferguson, I. W. Shevan.

9.36 " H. L. Carson, N. M. Currie.

CHIEF AND PETTY OFFICERS' BALL.

ANOTHER PLEASANT FUNCTION AT THE CITY HALL.

NEARLY 1,000 DANCERS PRESENT.

The interior of the City Hall again presented a fairytale appearance last night when several hundred people, whose one thought was to make merry at Yuletide attended the annual ball of the Chief and Petty Officers of the Royal Navy (China Squadron). It was indeed a happy thought which prompted the organisers to arrange it for Christmas Eve and the seasonal spirit did much to make the affair a very real success.

The decorations, flags, masses of flowers and coloured electric lights galore provided an ideal setting. There is no need to dwell on them as a description appeared yesterday in our account of the annual ball of the Hong Kong Police Force. Except for a few minor variations they remained the same.

There is a trite saying that the Navy always does its job thoroughly and well, and the Service certainly lived up to its reputation last night. The result of the thorough and efficient work put in by the responsible committee was in evidence everywhere, and one ventures to express the regret that such Naval affairs are not more frequent.

The St. Andrew's Ball Room decoration remained the same as on the previous night, except that clusters of coloured balloons were suspended from the ceiling. There was a similar cluster in St. George's Ball Room, where the only other change in the scheme of decoration was that a number of flags had been removed from the walls, and the remainder had been draped in an attractive red and white effect.

Various carnival novelties were introduced such as streamers, confetti, etc., and one might say that fun waxed fast and furious.

Owing to the large attendance—it was estimated that there were between 800 and 1,000—there was no sit down supper, but the Old Chamber of Commerce Room was set out with party tables and a running buffet was the order. Part of the adjoining verandah was also utilised for refreshments.

Down below in the entrance hall was the "Dew Drop Inn," supplemented by a card room for the non-dancers.

There were in all thirty dances without extras, and these were split up into a miscellany of fox-trots, one-steps, waltzes and one set of lancers. The music was supplied by the dance bands of H.M.S. Hawkins (flagship of the China Station) and H.M.S. Carlisle, playing alternate hours. There were many Naval officers present and other guests. Among those accepting invitations were Commodore and Mrs. J. L. Pearson, and Capt. Braithwaite (the Chief of Staff) and Commander C. H. Phillips.

A Committee of twelve under the presidency of Chief Yeoman of Signals Smith (Yama) and the secretaryship of Chief Petty Officer Gulley (Yama) were responsible for arranging the ball, and deserve the warmest congratulations on its success.

A novel effect was created by hanging around the walls of the grand stairway of the City Hall, life-size bearing the names of the various warships of the China Squadron. Dancing began at 8.15 p.m. and continued until 2 a.m.

CHINESE ARRANGEMENTS.

HONG KONG AMATEUR MUSICIANS VISITING CANTON.

Chinese newspapers in Hong Kong observe December 25th not only as Christmas but also as the anniversary of the Second Revolution against the attempt of Yuan Shih Kai to make himself Emperor of China. The *Fai Awong Pao* will issue a Christmas supplement, but the rest of the Chinese Press will have no issues on Christmas Day.

The Chinese Y.M.C.A. Day and Night Schools had their Christmas tree parties at the Association auditorium on Christmas Eve. Mr. Huang Hain Chao, a member of the Educational Committee of the Y.M.C.A., presided.

The South China Athletic Association and the Chinese Amateur Athletic Association will on Christmas Day turn up in force at the Football Club ground where they will be interested spectators of the China-Portugal match in the afternoon. These two Associations furnish the whole of the China team.

The Chinese Amateur Musical Association of Hong Kong is sending 60 members up to Canton on Christmas Day for a charity concert to help the Canton Police in the effort to raise funds to build a home in connection with the "Door of Hope" for women. The concert will be directed by Mr. Shawman Tong, Chairman of the Committee.

WEATHER REPORT.

The local weather report, forecast and remarks issued yesterday at 5.40 p.m. by the Royal Observatory states:—

Changes are small since the morning. Fresh to strong monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the North China Sea.

Forecast:—N.E. winds, fresh, generally cloudy.

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[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

The Military and Police authorities in Canton have taken a hand in the strike situation at Fong Pin (Convenient) Hospital. These authorities have ruled that hospital attendants provide necessary aid to the physicians who must regard the welfare of their patients above everything else and that consequently they cannot go on strike and desert their posts at will. Severe measure are threatened if the workers do not return at once, leaving the question of wages to be settled later.

Canton consignees having cargo on board the three vessels of the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company, now being detained by the Canton Seamen's Union, will, it is said, be allowed to unload it shortly. The Military authorities have intervened and are now trying to curtail the power of the professional labour leaders.

Unless the difference between the employees and the employers in the piece-goods guild in Canton is settled quickly the dealers will find it difficult to plan ahead for the New Year's business. Some merchants, it is believed, will wind up their affairs this year-end owing to the impossibility of meeting the demands of the workers.

Workers in the sugar districts on the East River have been on strike since December 19th owing to the employers not complying with their demands for higher wages. Waichow and neighbourhood produce much sugar for native consumption.

Since the printers' strike in Swatow, beginning on December 21st, seven newspapers have been forced to suspend publication, and only one is now able to appear regularly. As far as printing offices are concerned five have submitted to the terms of the workers. The increase of wages demanded ranges from 15 to 100 per cent.

The Kuomintang Directorate-General of Posts in Canton has advised postmen unions throughout the provinces under Kuomintang jurisdiction not to declare any strike before the end of January next, as the party is calling a convention of postal employees at Wuchang about that time. Canton postal employees have never been satisfied with the wages they receive from Peking, and in order to avoid a strike the local authorities have been granting them a monthly bonus.

Merchants, in Canton, in addition to their regular capital tax, are to pay another two per cent. surtax on capital. The Kuomintang wish to raise another war contribution of \$2,000,000 immediately.

To continue the protest against the recent nationalization of their plant by the local Kuomintang leaders, the shareholders of the Electric Company at Wuchow, Kwangsi, have appointed Mr. Wong Yueh Pao as their special representative to act on behalf of the interests concerned.

As a means to maintain the value of the shares of the Canton Water Supply Company, the plant of which is being controlled by the Canton Municipality, the board of directors of the Company has decided to submit to the supervision of its affairs by the Kuomintang. Since the controversy over the control of the plant, the value of the shares has dropped heavily.

General Li Tsai Hsin, Officer Commanding the troops in Kwangtung, has ordered gunboats at his command to be prepared for special active service. It is believed that they are required for a campaign against pirates in Canton waters, and especially along the coast from Pakhoi to Swatow.

The attempt to defeat Mr. Sun Fo at the local party convention election in Canton early this week failed. Mr. Sun maintained his place in the Party Council.

ROUND-THE-WORLD CYCLISTS REACH WUCHOW.

The three Indian round-the-world cyclists who left Canton on December 1st, cycling to Samshui via the Canton-Samshui Railway and then following the West River to Wuchow arrived here on the afternoon of December 11th. The travelling was very difficult after leaving Shingling due to the heavy rains and floods washing out the path along the river banks. A few miles above Takling it was impossible for them to travel by land and they had to return to Takling via sampans and then finished the rest of their journey on a river steamer.



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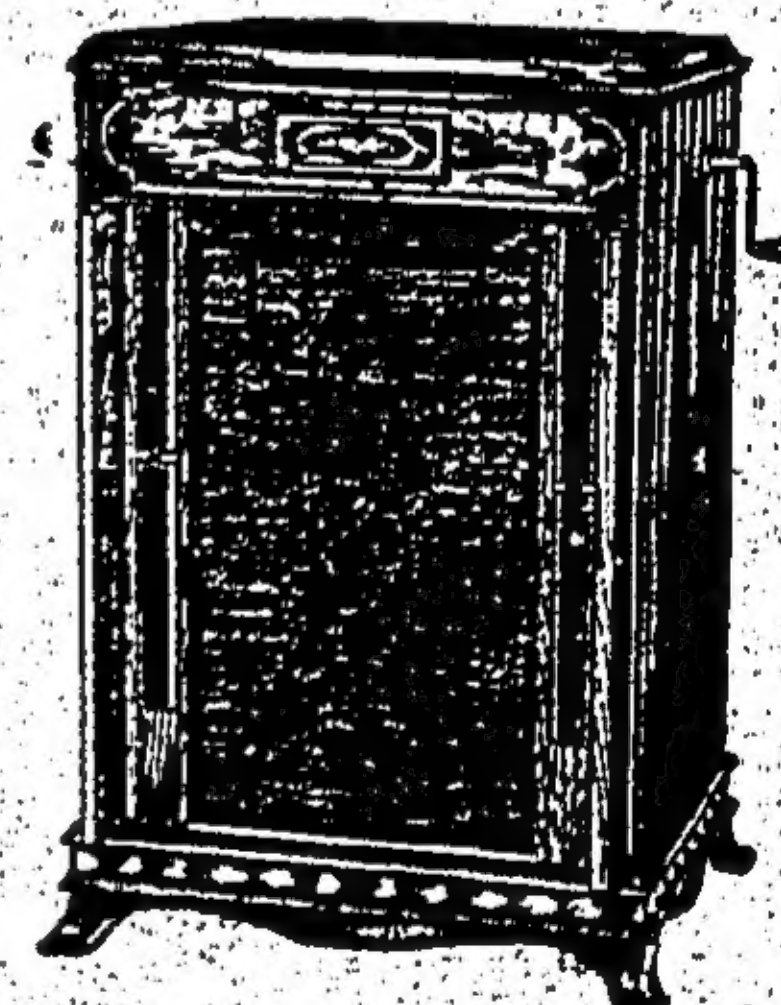
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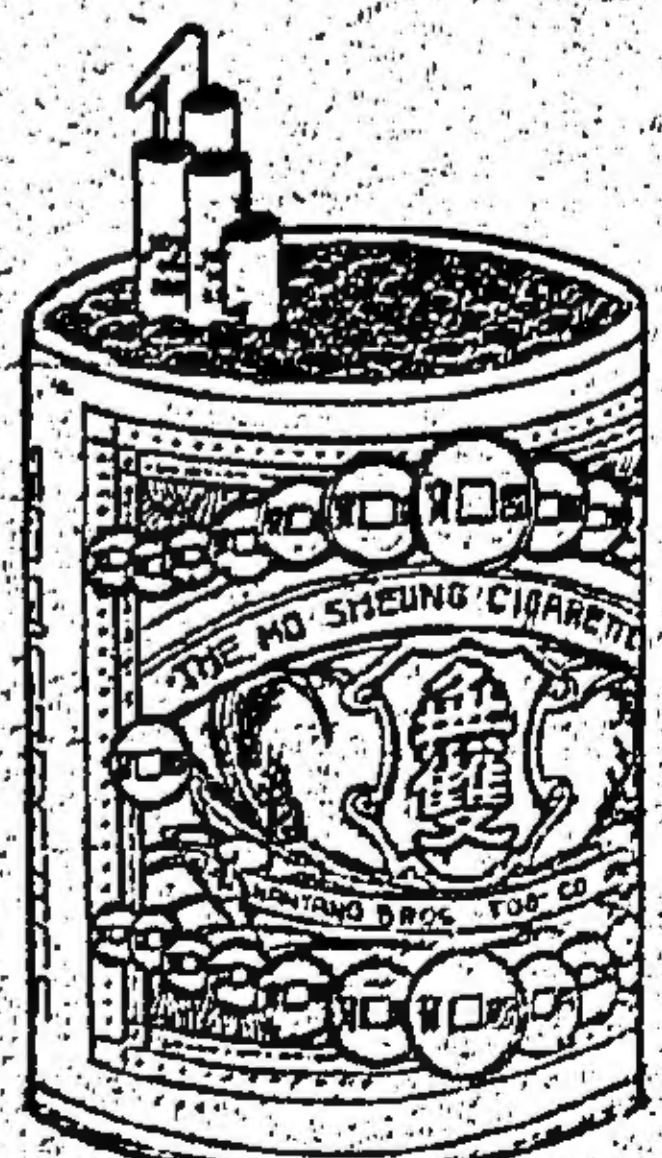
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THE CHILDREN'S SEASON.

In a hundred different ways, we are
reminded, at this season of the year that
children form a very important part of
the community. It is the time when
parents specially direct their attention
to their happiness, when shops specially
cater for their needs, when schools com-
plete the school year with prize givings,
and generous folk organise Xmas parties
for the entertainment of their own
children and those of their friends.

As it is pre-eminently the children's
festival adults must find their own plea-
sure in ministering to, and delighting in,
the innocent excitements of the younger
generation. Of course, it is not every-
one who can naturally, gracefully and
wholeheartedly enter into the spirit of
the game. Some "grown ups" are
gifted that way. They seem to be able
to bring out the PETZEL PAN side of their
nature, never having quite destroyed it
in the ordinary process of development.
For such persons Xmas, with its paper
hats, its crackers, children's games, and
general merriment, is a real pleasure.
They easily abandon the stiffness and
conventions of manhood and can quite
happily adjust themselves to the juvenile
level. In too many cases, however, not
only do our arteries grow stiff or cal-
cined, as the medical people would say,
with increasing age, but so do our habits
and we cannot, with the best intentions
in the world, even temporarily revert to

the irresponsible jocular state of child-
hood. It may be that the world is too
much with us that in the competition
of life, the worries and cares destroy that
spontaneous childlike side of our nature.
We come also to exercise such a strict
censorship over ourselves, that even if
the impulses are there, they are denied
expression. The upper portion of the
mind cannot relinquish, with equanimity,
its control in order to allow a Xmas
self, as it were, to express itself in un-
conventional attitudes, for dignity and
self restraint have become the artificial
hall marks of society. Many of us, there-
fore, are unable to come down gracefully
to this position, by merely desiring to
do so, and for such folk Xmas games,
festivities, and children's parties are apt
to produce not real joy but a real ordeal.
However that may be, the children in
Hong Kong are not likely to suffer for
lack of the right sort of people to enter-
tain them. The naval officers, for in-
stance, have fixed up parties for them.
We expect the "proper kind of outlook",
preserved on board a naval ship. An
officers' mess is just an officers' mess,
but a ship's company is in the nature
of a family. Members of it are thrown
into intimate contact, and soon there
emerges a certain atmosphere, and the
ship develops a personality. Such folk
can naturally bring children on board a
ship, where there is space, and gadgets
which interest children, and where facili-
ties for enjoyment are quickly fixed up.
It may be also that association with the
sea and its titanic forces engenders un-
consciously in those who belong to the
sea, that spirit of awe, reverence and
humility which helps to preserve the
youth of the world.

The police, too, usually at this season,
organise games and sports for children
as do the Kowloon Club, while Hong
Kong has this season excelled itself by
producing children's fairy plays which
have not only provided pleasure for
those children who witnessed them, but
also benefited those poor children, for
whom the proceeds are intended.

With all these activities then, we can
rest assured that the children of the
Colony are made to feel that there is
still in the world generosity, goodwill
and, above all, love, and that for adults
there is a wealth of meaning and mystery
in those words spoken by Christ, on that
occasion when his disciples were disput-
ing among themselves who was greatest.
"Except," He said, "ye turn and be-
come as little children ye shall in no wise
enter the Kingdom of Heaven."

To all our readers: A HAPPY CHRIST-
MAS!

Owing to the Christmas Holidays there
will be no issue of the *Daily Press* on
Monday. Our next publishing day will
be on Tuesday.

During Thursday one British case of
enteric fever and one British case of
rabies were reported.

A Chinese woman died at the Govern-
ment Civil Hospital on Thursday as a
result of being knocked down by a motor-
car, which was driven by Mr. D. S. Hill.

Mr. Justice Wood gave judgment yester-
day, in the case in which I. L. Brewer
sued Brewer & Co. for \$1,000. His
Lordship non-suited the plaintiff with
costs.

The forthcoming wedding is announced
of Mr. D. K. Pillai, medical practitioner
at the Government Civil Hospital, to Miss
Gertrude May Can, No. 136, Queen's
Road West.

Passengers who disembarked at Hong
Kong yesterday from the P. & O. *Khiva*
(from Japan and Shanghai) were Miss
R. Chisholm, Miss M. Salway, Mr. A. P.
Stoner, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Wallace.
There are many other passengers on
board for homeward ports, via Singa-
pore.

A robbery occurred in Stanley Street,
in the central part of the town, on Thurs-
day. Following a woman up the stair-
case, a Chinese clapped one hand over
her eyes, whilst with the other he pulled
the rings from her ears. In the hue-
and-cry that followed, the robber was
caught by a Chinese detective.

A Chinese woman and her two children
were injured when a stack of rice toppled
over and fell on them as they were having
their evening meal, in a rice-shop
at Wahu Street, Hung Hom, on Thursday.
They were taken to the Kwong Wah Hos-
pital suffering from rather serious in-
juries. It is alleged that the accident
occurred through the rice being stacked
too high.

At Thursday's public meeting of the
Hongkong Lodge of the Theosophical
Society, Mr. J. Russell gave an address
on "Some Aspirations in Theosophy." He
said that the Great Teachers had not
laid before humanity the greatest and
grandest truths, but laid before infant
humanity a simple code of conduct.
Christ taught self-sacrifice and duty,
Buddha taught wisdom, Zoroaster taught
purity, Hermes taught knowledge of the
higher worlds, Orpheus Harmony and
beauty. Theosophy revealing us the full
beauty and power of Life urges us to
be up and doing, as partakers of the
Divine Creative Life, for Theosophists
come to know that God has a Plan, and
that Plan is Evolution.

THE BISHOP OF LONDON.

VISITS HONG KONG UNIVERSITY.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING AND A
TRIP ROUND THE ISLAND.

The Bishop of London (the Right Hon.
A. F. Winnington-Ingram, D.D., LL.D.,
K.C.V.O.) spent a busy Christmas Eve.
First of all, accompanied by his per-
sonal friend, Mr. A. O. Blyth, and the
Rev. N. V. Halvard (Chaplain to the
Right Rec. Bishop of Victoria) his Lord-
ship visited St. John's Hall, which is
the C.M.S. Hotel. He was met and con-
ducted over the premises by the Rev. E.
A. Wittenbach, the acting Warden.

From there his Lordship proceeded to
the University Union Assembly Hall,
where he was received by the Vice-Chan-
cellor of the Hong Kong University (Mr.
W. W. Kornell, C.I.E.), the Registrar
(Professor Forster), and the Chairman of
the Hong Kong University Christian
Association (Mr. C. H. Lim).

The Bishop of London addressed a
gathering of some seventy or eighty
students for about half an hour.
Afterwards the distinguished visitor
was shown over the University library
and building.

From the University the Bishop came
back to Hong Kong where he undertook
some Christmas shopping, making pur-
chases at Messrs. Lane, Crawford and at
Messrs. Komor and Komor, art and curio
dealers.

The Bishop was later the guest of
Honour at a tiffin given at the University.
There were present members of the Court
of the University, including the Vice-
Chancellor, Mrs. Leed's, Mr. Southern
(Colonial Secretary) and Mrs. Southern,
Professor and Mrs. Forster, professor
and Mrs. Redmond, Dr. Earle, the Rev.
E. A. Wittenbach, Mr. and Mrs. Paul
Lauder, Mr. A. O. Blyth, and the Rev.
N. V. Halvard.

After tiffin the Bishop made the trip
around the island by motor car. En
route St. Stephen's College at Pokfulam
was called at. Tea, which included a
special Hong Kong Christmas cake, was
taken at the Repulse Bay Hotel, and the
party returned to Hong Kong between
six and seven o'clock. Last night a
private dinner was given at the house of
the Bishop of Victoria.

To-day the Bishop will preach at 11
a.m. in St. John's Cathedral, and he
will take part at the celebration of Holy
Communion at 8 a.m., wearing cope
and mitre. To-morrow, his Lordship
preaches at St. Andrew's Church at 11
a.m., and his Chaplain, the Rev. H. C.
Thomas, preaches at the Cathedral both
morning and evening. In the afternoon,
the Bishop visits the Diocesan Girls'
School and the Blind Home at Kowloon,
where he will deliver a short address.

INWARD MAILS.

Two inward mails from Home arrived
yesterday. The R.M.S. *Empress of
Canada*, from the North, discharged a
big Christmas mail from Canada and the
States; and also letters from London of
November 10th, via Canada; while the
P. & O. s.s. *Khiva* arriving from Shang-
hai brought mail from the Northern port
and also letters from the United King-
dom and Europe via Siberia.

The P. & O. s.s. *Kalyan* bringing the
inward Home mail via Suez (letters of
London, November 25th, and parcels of
a week earlier) is scheduled to arrive to-
morrow morning, and there will be a
special delivery of letters, as previously
announced, the same day. The *Kalyan*
sails the same afternoon for Home via
Suez and takes outward mail for Home
transit via Siberia. The mail closes at
9 a.m. The outward mail for Home via
Suez closed yesterday evening and will
be despatched on the *Khiva* at noon
to-day.

The *Kalyan's* mail is expected to be
a very heavy one. There is thought to
be a record number of bags of letters on
board; and the parcel mail is excep-
tionally heavy. Exact figures are not
available until the arrival of the ship.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MEETING ON NEW YEAR'S EVE.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Legislative Council
will be held in the Council Chamber on
Friday, December 31st, at 2.30 p.m.

In addition to routine business two
Bills will be read a first time. A Bill
intituled An Ordinance to amend the
Interpretation Ordinance, 1911, and a
Bill to amend the Promissory Oaths Or-
dinance, 1869.

Finance Committee.
A meeting of the Finance Committee
will be held on Tuesday, December 28th,
at 9.30 a.m., when votes amounting to
\$30,345 will be asked for to supplement
the estimates for 1926. \$1,380 are re-
quired for personal emoluments in the
Audit Department; \$100 for laboratory
expenses and \$9,700 for magnetic instru-
ments at the Royal Observatory; \$1,200
for repairs to Police cars and cycles;
\$365 for various charges incurred by the
Post Office and \$7,300 for rations for
Indian Police.

THE CHINESE CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE.

TO ASSIST HAWKERS AND SMALL
TRADERS.

THE COURIERS' GUILD.

Quite a large number of members
attended the committee meeting of the
Hong Kong Chinese General Chamber of
Commerce yesterday afternoon, when
Mr. Li Yau Tsin, Chairman, presided
and was supported by Mr. J. M. Wong,
Vice-Chairman, and Ip Lan Chan,
General Secretary.

Altogether 23 items were on the agenda,
but most of them were connected with
trade disputes, inquiries, and complaints
which did not take up much of the
Committee's time.

Reports from the General Secretary
showed that the Chamber has during the
preceding month done much valuable
work as a mediator and saved a good
deal of expensive litigation.

Complaints have been filed with the
Chamber of recent arrests of Chinese stall
holders for selling cigarettes and also
from firewood shop *foies* who were pro-
ceeded against for carrying samples of
goods to prospective customers. The in-
terests involved have asked the Chamber's
assistance in explaining their difficulties
to the Police authorities. The stall
holders contend that they have been
selling cigarettes under the general
license for years and are now at a loss
to understand why they should be sud-
denly interfered with, while the firewood
foies, or shop assistants, explained that
in showing their samples, they were not
actually hawking. The hawkers, proper,
have also complained of the difficulties
they had with the *Lukong* who, they say,
have been harassing them.

Some discussion followed the reading
of these complaints and the Committee
appeared to be dissatisfied with a reply
from the Captain Superintendent of
Police who had suggested that these
matters should have been referred to his
office direct or to the Secretariat of
Chinese Affairs. The opinion of the
Committee, though not formally put in
form of a resolution, but expressed in
discussion, was that, in practice, it would
be difficult for a poor hawker to get
a hearing direct from the heads of the
departments mentioned and that, if the
Chamber did not take up these matters
no other body would do so. It was
pointed out that an officer of the Cham-
ber often had to wait half hour or more
before being able to see an official. In
view of the large number of hawkers
whose interests were concerned the
Chamber, while supposed to devote their
labours to more important commercial
matters, decided that they would pay
some attention to these complaints.

The Chinese Couriers' Guild, a body of
more than 20 private letter agencies in
Hong Kong, whose activities must stop
before the end of this year, according
to an order from the General Post Office,
have written to the Chamber calling
attention to the fact that their services
for the last 50 years had only been to
facilitate communication between Hong
Kong and inland Chinese towns where
the modern postal system is not installed
and that what they are doing cannot be
done either by the Hong Kong or Chinese
postal departments. The opinion of the
Chamber was that private letter agencies
must be superseded sooner or later and
while it could recommend the withdrawal
of the order, something must now be done
gradually to replace a service which had
its usefulness under past conditions.
During the last four weeks several
German and one Danish firms have made
inquiries with regard to openings in
Hong Kong. Commercial students from
Canton have been taken into local bank-
ing and other establishments so as to
learn modern methods.

The death is reported of Mr. James
Vivian, of Shanghai, who passed away at
sea on December 16th, while returning to
Shanghai from Home leave by the N.Y.K.
s.s. *Fukumi Maru*. Deceased, who was
47 years of age, the last 19 of which he
had served with the Shanghai Gas Com-
pany as Works Manager, had been ill for
some time past and this caused him to
go Home on leave. The holiday did him
good but upon the return voyage while
passing through the tropics, his illness
is believed to have returned and death
came between Hong Kong and Shanghai
and two days within meeting his wife and
child who did not accompany him Home.

ANTI-FOREIGN OUT-
BURSTS IN CHINA.AGITATORS ACTIVE IN HANKOW
AND ELSEWHERE.FOREIGNERS PREPARING TO
EVACUATE VARIOUS PARTS
OF THE COUNTRY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, December 24th.

Anti-Christian Societies have been springing up lately in many centres, where the anti-foreign movement is the strongest. There has been much talk of meetings to be held to-morrow. Locally, the police are not apprehensive but Hankow's police telegraphs that anti-Christian activities are intensifying. Agitators broke up two Christmas entertainments, one at the Wesleyan Mission Girls' School, the other at the Blind School. In the latter case, the invaders distributed anti-British literature. A foreign missionary, who attempted to intervene was seized and carried to the street, where he was man-handled and badly injured. The anti-foreign agitation and boycott is also strengthening at Hankow as well as elsewhere, and foreign women and children have been advised to leave Kuling (Kiu-kiang). All foreigners are in readiness to evacuate Kiangsi and it is feared that they will also be compelled to evacuate Hunan.

SENSATIONAL DELHI INCIDENT.

HINDU LEADER SHOT.

DELHI, December 23rd.

Swami Shradhanand, a noted Hindu leader, has been shot by Abdul Rashid, presumably a Mahomedan. An attendant, named Dharani Singh, was also hit and seriously wounded. Abdul Rashid was arrested. The shops have closed, and the police are taking precautions to prevent disturbances.

A Shocked Congress.

LATER.

The Gauthi Nationalist Congress Camp, preparing to open proceedings at Christmas, was shocked by the news of the murder of Swami Shradhanand, and, as an emergency meeting, decided, as a mark of respect, to abandon the Presidential procession for which there were elaborate arrangements, including the use of 50 elephants.

Swami had recently severed his connection with the Congress, but was highly esteemed owing to his services after the Amritsar disturbances in 1919. The murder has upset the Congress leaders' plan for communal amity, since the militant elements among the Hindus will now be difficult to control.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

XMAS AIR MAIL.

LARGE NUMBER OF AEROPLANES
AT WORK.

RUGBY, December 23rd.

It is stated to-day that no fewer than nine British aeroplanes are engaged in conveyance across the Channel of Christmas gifts. This is in addition to the French, German and Dutch machines which have their share.

Scores of tons of parcels have been and are being carried between London and Paris, Brussels, Cologne and Berlin. Yesterday, five tons were despatched from Crocydon for Germany. Speed is, of course, the factor which has made the airways suddenly so popular for this purpose. Presents can be sent up to the last day before Christmas with certainty of their being delivered by Christmas Day.

BRITISH IMPERIAL AIRSHIP
SERVICES.

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF BASES.

RUGBY, December 23rd.

Captain Fellowes, Director of Airship Development, is leaving England shortly to give expert assistance to the Dominions which contemplate the establishment of airship bases in connection with the scheme of Imperial airship services, proposed by Sir Samuel Hoare, Air Minister, at the Imperial Conference. Part of Captain Fellowes' work will be to survey a site for an airship base at Bombay, proposed by the Indian Air Board. Three other airship experts, who are likely to be detailed for this work, are Major Scott, who has done great service as an airship pilot and is now Officer-in-Charge of Airship Flying, Squadron Leader Colmore (Deputy Director of Airship Development) and Major Sydney Nixon, who carried out the practical survey work at the Egyptian and Karachi airship stations.

Purer Food.

MAKING PRESERVATIVES
ILLEGAL.

RUGBY, December 23rd.

A New Order comes into force on New Year's Day under which more than 90 per cent. of the housewife's average daily food may contain preservatives, but only in small specified quantities.

WELL-KNOWN BRITISH
SPORTSMAN PASSES
AWAY."PEGGY" BETTINSON OF THE
NATIONAL SPORTING CLUB.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, December 24th.

The death is announced of Mr. A. F. Bettinson, popularly known as "Peggy" Bettinson, the well-known sportsman and Managing-Director of the National Sporting Club. He died of heart failure, subsequent to an attack of pneumonia.

WINNIPEG THEATRE
ABLAZE.

FIREMEN MISSING AND INJURED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

WINNIPEG, December 24th.

Five firemen are injured and three are missing as a result of the collapse of the walls during a theatre fire. The damage is estimated at \$125,000.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

U.S. RAILWAY DISASTER.

COLLISION CAUSES 20 DEATHS
AND A NUMBER OF INJURED.

ROCKMART, Georgia, Dec. 24th.

Twenty persons have been killed and a number injured in a collision between two Southern Railway passenger expresses.

Passengers Holiday Homeward Bound.

LATER.

The accident occurred after a driving rainstorm. The north-bound train was laden with passengers en route for home to spend the holidays; and was travelling at 80 miles an hour. Most of the dead were in the telescoped dining car and daycoach. In this train the rescuers had to use blow torches to reach the imprisoned victims.

FERMENT IN NICARAGUA.

AMERICAN SAILORS LANDED.

WASHINGTON, December 24th.

The State Department has announced that American bluejackets have landed in the district of Rio Grande, Nicaragua, to protect American life and property.

TEAPOT DOME OIL.

CASE AGAINST FALL AND
SINCLAIR OPENS.

WASHINGTON, December 23rd.

The Supreme Court of the District of Columbia has rejected an application on behalf of the ex-Secretary of the Interior, Mr. Fall, and the Oil Millionaire Mr. Harry Sinclair, for quashing the indictment in connection with the leasing of the Teapot Dome Oil Reserve to Sinclair, in view of the Government's failure to convict Fall and Doheny on a similar charge last week.

The defendants were then arraigned and pleaded not guilty.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

WIRELESS FOR LIGHTHOUSES
AND LIGHTSHIPS.A LONDON JOURNAL'S
ENTERPRISE.

RUGBY, December 23rd.

The equipment of the London hospitals with wireless as a result of the efforts of the *Daily News* is to be followed by a scheme, promoted by the same journal, to install in lighthouses and lightships, wireless sets for receiving the broadcast programmes of the British Broadcasting Company.

Twenty-five lighthouses and forty-five lightships are to be thus provided. The *Daily News* appeal for subscriptions has met with immediate response and the editors of four provincial newspapers have already offered to equip no fewer than five lighthouses and five lightships in their localities.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

POLISH-GERMAN PROBLEMS.

NEW AGREEMENTS AND
CONVENTIONS.

WARSAW, December 23rd.

The question of the deportation of their respective nationals, which for long has been straining the relations between Germany and Poland, has been settled by the conclusion of a series of conventions and agreements. The number of Polish workers who have been in Germany for several years and who were ordered to leave the country has been reduced to 8,000. An agreement in that connection stipulates that a definite Convention on the migration of agricultural workers shall be negotiated before February 27th. Protracted quarrels concerning questions of nationality have also resulted in an agreement. Germany has agreed to restore archives and other documents to Poland and Poland has promised to refrain from selling goods to Germans who were temporarily Polish citizens in 1920.

WAR DEBTS.

EX-UNITED STATES AMBAS-
SADOR'S VIEWS.SAYS U.S. SHOULD NOT HAVE
INCLUDED ONE CENT OF
INTEREST.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, December 24th.

In connection with Colombia University's Debt Manifesto, the *Times* gives prominence to a letter by Mr. Robert Johnson, ex-United States Ambassador to Italy, who says: "As between friends, we should not have included one cent of interest."

This statement is markedly in contrast with the spirit of a long pronouncement by Senator Smoot, Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, who is also a member of the Debt Commission, in the Senate, in which he denounced the whole proposition as an absurdity and charged the Colombia Faculty with aiming at complete cancellation of the debts, although subject has been interdicted.

The *Times*, in a leaders, suggests that the money owed to the United States could best be employed by reviving European prosperity, pointing out that Europeans were customers as well as debtors.

MEXICO AND WAR
MATERIALS.PRESIDENTIAL MANDATE PRO-
HIBITS THEIR IMPORT.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

Mexico City, December 24th.

A Presidential decree, has been published prohibiting the import of all war materials to Mexico for a period of one year. The decree includes every kind of firearms and ammunition, as well as poison gas and armoured cars.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

FRANCO-GERMAN TENSION.

FRENCH RESENT GERMANY'S
ATTITUDE.

PARIS, December 23rd.

A message from Landau says that the three Germans who were sentenced to imprisonment in connection with the Gernsheim affair, have appealed against their sentences. The Court Martial, however, states that it is incompetent to deal with an appeal.

While French opinion is divided as regards the expediency as well as regards the verdict the German attitude is strongly resented. It is thought that the violent outburst in the entire German press was a factitious political manoeuvre to hasten the evacuation of the Rhineland.

LUNATIC ON A STEAMER.

SCENE IN AN ENGLISH LADY'S
CABIN.

RANGOON, December 23rd.

A French merchant of Singapore, who was arrested last week after being found with a torch and a dagger in the cabin of an English lady, the daughter of a Singapore tradesman, aboard the *s.s. Ellora*, en route from Calcutta, and charged with attempted outrage and murder, has been sentenced to detention as a lunatic.

Subsequently he will be repatriated.

OUTBURST ON THE STOCK
EXCHANGE.SIR C. PULLEY BOOED FOR 20
MINUTES.

Members of the London Stock Exchange stopped work for twenty minutes on November 23rd to boo an elderly man who had suggested that they should work on Saturday morning instead of playing golf.

The scene, described by a member present as "absolutely disgraceful" began at 3.30, one of the busiest periods of the afternoon, when Sir Charles Pulley, who advocated Saturday opening in an interview in the *Daily Express* last week, entered the building. Quiet was not restored until he left at twenty minutes to four.

Sir Charles was so upset by the incident that he left the City for his home immediately afterwards, and will probably not return for a few days. Hundreds of members took part in the booing. One or two, who protested and had the courage to support Sir Charles Pulley, had to make a dash for the doors to escape a severe ragging.

Sir Charles Pulley has been a member of the Stock Exchange for forty years. In his recent interview with the *Daily Express* he said: "It is ridiculous that the London Stock Exchange should close on Saturday, when all the Continental exchanges are open. From my experience I am convinced that considerable business would be done, and it is unfair that the older members should prevent young men who want to 'get on' from working."

EMPEROR OF JAPAN.

ROYAL PATIENT GRADUALLY
BECOMING WEAKER.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TOKYO, December 24th.

Last evening's bulletin says that the Emperor's heart is weakening, the pulse being irregular and the respiration quickening.

A Hayama message says the Regent and Court officials were called hurriedly to the bedside.

LITHUANIA'S REVOLT.

RIGASKEVIK PLANS SPOILED.

RIGA, December 23rd.

The Lithuanian press reports that the police possess documents proving indubitably that Bolshevik emissaries from Moscow had prepared a Bolshevik "Putsch" for Christmas with the object of linking up Lithuania with Soviet Russia, and also that similar putsches had been prepared for other Baltic States.

The police claim that when they searched the arrested persons they found lists of people to be shot immediately after the putsch. The military coup which has resulted in a Right Wing Government, has thwarted these plans.

GUNNER'S SAD DEATH.

VICTIM OF HYDROPHOBIA.

RABIES MENACE.

Gunner Patrick Murphy of the 12th Heavy Battery, stationed at Lyceum, died at the Military Hospital on Thursday of hydrophobia. It appears that some months ago Murphy went to the rescue of another man who was being attacked by a mad dog, and in doing so, was bitten himself. Apparently deceased did not take much notice of it, and hydrophobia set in.

The funeral was held yesterday morning, a firing party from deceased's Battery marching in company with units from the garrison behind the band of the 2nd Batt., King's Own Scottish Borderers. Buglers sounded the "Last Post" and a great many wreaths and floral tributes were placed on the grave.

Gunner Murphy was only 22 years of age and unmarried.

No European has died from hydrophobia in Hong Kong for several years.

ENGLISH BETTING LAW
ANOMALIES.JUDGE ON "RIDICULOUS
POSITION."

Severe criticism of the betting laws was made by Mr. Justice Branson at Manchester Assizes when summing-up in a Liverpool betting case, in which the defence to the charge of keeping a betting house was that the police were carrying out a raid "planted" betting, slips on the premises.

His Lordship said: "It is an extraordinary thing that it should be perfectly legal for a man to carry on a business of credit betting—that is to say, receive bets by telephone or letter and run up an account with the man who bets and pay that man by letter at the end of the week—and there is no offence. But if, instead of receiving a bet by telephone, a man comes into his office and makes a bet with him there, that is unlawful. You may think it is a ridiculous position, and you would not be alone in that opinion, but it happens to be the law, and in these courts we have got to administer the law as it is, and not as we would like it to be. In the ordinary sort of crime there is always an injured party to come and give evidence, but in a case where one man wants to go and bet and the other wants to take the bet, there is no way in which the police can give evidence except by sending somebody, or going themselves and seeing if the suspected man will take a bet. Nobody likes spying, but, after all, if the law says a certain thing shall not be done and sets up a body to see that it is not done, then that body must take the only steps available."

THE ILLS THAT FISH ARE
HEIRS TO.

It will be news to many people that fish suffer from measles, cancer and tuberculosis.

Mr. F. A. Mitchell-Hedges, the explorer, is convinced that they do. Broadcasting to all stations from Edinburgh on "The Horrors of the Deep," he pointed out that little is known of diseases in fish, although it is realised by a few that fish suffer from a counterpart of many complaints common to man.

"From a study of these diseases in the more simplified organisms of fish," he said, "it should be possible to obtain valuable data in regard to the genesis of cancer, tuberculosis, etc., from which fish undoubtedly suffer."

"I believe," I am correct in stating, though it will doubtless come as a surprise to many people, that a form of measles and cancer occurs in trees, fish, the beasts of the field and man. "I feel convinced that the day is not far distant when it will be recognised that a systematic examination of life in the sea will prove of enormous benefit to humanity. It may possibly provide the clue to the cure of cancer that the best brains of the world have sought for so long, but up to the present in vain."

THE STATE OF AFFAIRS IN CHINA.

LATEST NEWS FROM THE WAR AREA.

MUKDEN AND SHANTUNG TROOPS MOVING SOUTHWARDS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PEKING, December 24th.

A telegram from Tsingtao states that the Pohai Squadron of the Eighth Shantung Army Corps is actively preparing to go south against the Cantonese. Pi Shou Chen has already left Tsingtao for Nan-king.

The *Ti Shai Pao* states that the Kuomintang in Honan have linked up with Fang Chung Chieh's troops and have captured Lungmenchieh, south-west of Loyang.

FURIOUS BATTLE OF STONES.

In a furious battle of stones, forces of the Kuomintang fell back to Lingpao, Honan, on December 10th, according to a native source.

An attempt on the part of the invading Nationalist troops to advance on Shanchow from Lingpao was halted by stone throwing troops under General Tai Yun Sheng. Owing to lack of ammunition, both attacking and defending forces engaged in a "terrific encounter with rocks," the invaders being finally "crushed back," it is said.

The main body of the Kuomintang is marching from Wenhsing to reinforce the Lingpao troops, consequently another eastward advance to Shanchow will be attempted shortly, it is predicted.

In view of the crisis in Honan, Tso K'un, former President of the Republic, has advised Marshal Wu Pei Fu to retire, it is reported.

MARSHAL CHANG TO VISIT
PEKING.

Marshal Chang Tso Lin will come to Peking as soon as a new Cabinet is formed, according to General Yu, Chief of Staff to Marshal Chang, and Chief of the Department of Military Affairs attached to the Headquarters of the Commander-in-Chief of the Ankuochun, says the *Peking and Tientsin Times*.

General Yu says that Marshal Chang's visit will be brief and that after his return to Tientsin he may pay a flying visit to Mukden. The headquarters of the Ankuochun will not be moved to Peking but will remain in Tientsin.

General Yu attributes the delay of Marshal Chang in going to the capital to the difficulty in selecting a suitable man for the Premiership. He observed that there is less talk about General Chin Yun Peng being appointed to organize a new Government than during the past few weeks. Dr. Wellington Koo is not out of the running.

Asked about the situation in Honan, General Yu declared that although there has been considerable movement of Mukden troops down the Kin-han line, not a single soldier has entered Honan, all the Mukden troops being concentrated at Paoing, Shihchiachwang and Tschow. Marshal Wu has not yet asked for aid from Marshal Chang, as he still asserts that he is capable of dealing with the Cantonese and the Kuomintang without outside help.

The General also denied the report that Mukden was negotiating with Kuomintang representatives in Tientsin for a compromise. He said that the Kuomintang stands for the Bolshevization of China while Mukden advocates the policy of "China for the Chinese." There is so much difference between the two that it is impossible to effect a reconciliation, he concluded.

Chang Tso Lin Wants More Mortars. Li Yi Chun, director of the Mukden Trench-mortar factory, was expected in Tientsin on December 10th in response to a call from Marshal Chang Tso Lin. The Mukden warlord is anxious to speed up production of the mortars for the use of troops moving south.

Kuomintang Journal's Bitter Criticism.

PEKING, December 23rd. Though the British Memorandum has not yet been published, the Kuomintang organ, the *People's Tribune*, without waiting to learn the actual contents of it, shows a determined irreconcilable attitude towards the friendly overture. The paper says: "We state categorically, for the Nationalist movement, that the proposals, though dubbed by the professional apologists for British imperialism as the 'most liberal' hitherto proposed, are utterly unacceptable."

"If this is the best that Britain has to offer we can understand perfectly well the necessity its Foreign Office feels of rushing all the naval forces it can spare from its other fields of Imperialistic exploitation, to that which it seems determined to retain and expand at any cost here in China. The net results of any offer will only be the intensifying of the already bitter attitude of our people towards their relentless and Imperialist foe."

Japan's Attitude.

TOKYO, December 23rd. Though the British Memorandum is being studied carefully, the Japanese Government has not yet decided upon the attitude to be adopted towards the proposals.

This delay is partly due to the Emperor's condition which necessitates the presence of the Members of the Cabinet at Hayama, and who are, consequently, unable at present to devote as much attention as is desired, though it is understood that it is hoped to instruct Mr. Ken Kichi Yoshizawa the Japanese Minister in Peking, either to-day or to-morrow. In the meantime, owing to the delicacy of the question, no intimation of Japan's probable attitude can be obtained.

Tokyo Press Opinions.

Press opinion is somewhat divided, the *Yomi* sympathising with the British position which it considers led her to decide to modify her policy, purposing thereby to mollify China. But the paper expresses doubt whether other Powers, with their own special interests, will fall in line.

The *Yamato* considers that the proposals indicate that Britain is attempting to trick the Japanese Government, hoping to estrange Japan from Chang Tso Lin.

Belgian Mission.

PEKING, December 23rd. The Belgian Legation Counsellor, M. Sergysels, left Peking for Hankow yesterday, with the object of seeing Mr. Eugene Chen.

HOME SECRETARY AND
"OLD LAG."YEARNED FOR GERMAN
PHILOSOPHY.

Sir William Joynson-Hicks, the Home Secretary, told a meeting in aid of the Central Discharged Prisoners' Aid Society, the following prison conversation between himself and a man who had spent 40 years of his life in prison:—

"Sir William: 'Hm! Forty years; quite a long experience. Any complaints?'"

"Prisoner: 'No. Food all right—Yes. None too rich, of course.'"

"I'm glad you find things so comfortable. Are you sure there is nothing wrong?—Well, look here, governor, if you are asking for a complaint, take this one. The prison library is rotten. There isn't a single book on German philosophy in it."

PHILADELPHIA BOYS SEIZE
TRAIN.

FOOTBALL VICTORY CELEBRATION.

Thirty high-school students, ten of whom are under 16 years of age were arrested recently at Philadelphia as the result of "a frolic" after a football victory.

They celebrated the victory with the customary violation of the prohibition laws and then sallied forth to the nearest tube station. There they took possession of a train, from which they ejected the guards and the river, after smashing the seats and electric lights and locking the doors against passengers.

One of the students took command of the switch and drove the train several miles to West Philadelphia.

The police, who had been apprised of the escapade, forced an entrance when the train stopped. A fight ensued, and finally the boys were subdued and conveyed to gaol, where their wounds were attended to pending their trial for "malicious mischief, assault, and battery."

HOUSTON WILL GIFT.

£250,000 FOR MAN WHO WAS
WORKLESS FOR 3 YEARS.

A married man who had been out of work for three years and tramped the streets until he obtained a job a few months ago is to receive £250,000 under a final agreement which has been reached concerning the will of the late Sir Robert Houston, who left estate worth about £8,000,000.

The man is Mr. Cecil Houston Smerdon Skinner, who lives in Wallasey. His four married sons are also to receive £250,000 each from the estate. Two of them live in Vancouver, and the other two are Mrs. Ena Mather, of Marine Parade, Brighton, and Mrs. Wilfred Wade, of Brook Cottage, Mouldsworth, near Chester.

Lady Houston and Mr. G. H. Appleton, of Lirkehead, the chief beneficiaries under the baronet's will, are making the £250,000 gift to the five relatives, and an agreement has already been signed.

Mr. Skinner, who arrived back from London to find one of his children ill, said: "I am delighted with my good fortune, but I have made no definite plans. It is impossible to say within a day or two what one will do with £250,000."

OXFORD UNDERGRADUATES'
OUTBREAK.

A wild scene, recently occurred in which 120 Oxford undergraduates wrecked two coaches of a train on which they were returning from the inter-Varsity relay races at Cambridge.

From the time the train left Cambridge until it arrived at Bedford pandomonium reigned. The plate-glass windows of two corridor coaches were smashed with beer bottles, lamp-glasses were shattered, luggage racks torn down, and the door of the guard's compartment was smashed open.

By the time Bedford was reached the tumult had subsided, and many of the young men were asleep. At Oxford, where proctors met the train, the undergraduates were on their best behaviour.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR ANNOUNCEMENTS.

HONGKONG HOTEL

MONDAY, 27th December, 1926 - BOXING NIGHT CARNIVAL - 8.00 p.m. to 1.00 a.m.
FRIDAY, 31st December, 1926 - NEW YEAR'S EVE CARNIVAL 8.00 p.m. to 1.00 a.m.

REPULSE BAY HOTEL

FRIDAY, 31st December, 1926 - NEW YEAR'S EVE CARNIVAL 8.00 p.m. to 1.00 a.m.
SATURDAY, 1st January, 1927 - TEA DANCE - 4.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

EVENING CELEBRATIONS:

Fancy or Evening Dress.

LATE PEAK TRAM CARS:

27th December, 1926, 1.30 a.m.

31st December, 1926, 1.30 a.m. and 2.00 a.m.

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HOLIDAY CRICKET.

CAPTAIN DOBBIE'S TEAM v. MR. T. E. PEARCE'S TEAM.

A friendly match will be played on the Hong Kong Cricket Club ground this afternoon, beginning at two o'clock, between teams captained respectively by Captain Dobbie and Mr. T. E. Pearce.

Captain Dobbie's team will be as under:—Captain Dobbie, Nicholson, Benson, Thorp, Vallack, Lightfoot, Sparkes, Hussey, Gamous Williams, Mack, Ling, Newall and Hinton.

Mr. T. E. Pearce's team is as follows:—Pearce, Armstrong, Perfect, Parker, Stevens, Bremerton, Mitchell, Gray, Summers, Duncan, Webb, Bowen and Cairnduff.

MONDAY'S MATCH.

The following will represent the Hong Kong Cricket Club, in a match against the Army to be played on the Club Ground at 10.30 a.m. on Monday, December 27th:—H. R. B. Hancock (Captain), T. E. Pearce, A. W. Hayward, H. Owen Hughes, A. C. I. Bowker, G. R. Sayer, E. J. R. Mitchell, J. D. Humphreys, G. R. Vallack, G. F. Gardner and A. N. Oher. The Army will be represented by Captain Morris, I.A.S.C., Major Lightfoot, A.P.D., Captain Dobbie, K.O.S.B., Major Bridgeland, R.C.S., Captain Harker, K.O.S.B., Captain Thorpe, K.O.S.B., Master-Gunner Fogden, R.A., Colonel Edmeades, R.A., Captain Bevin, R.A., Captain Evers and one of the following:—Lieut. Wright, R.A., Captain Howard, R.A., or Major Greig, R.A.

The match will begin at 10.30 a.m. sharp.

HOCKEY.

"SIM" SHIELD MATCH POSTPONED.

Owing to the Navy and Army Cricket Match on December 29th and 30th, the "Sim" Shield match for next Wednesday, is postponed until Wednesday, January 12th.

BILLIARDS.

Y.M.C.A. BEATEN BY "TAMAR."

A team from H.M.S. Tamar defeated a team of the European Y.M.C.A. this week at billiards by 99 points.

The scores were:—Y.M.C.A.—A. C. Porter 48, H. G. Lamb 68, T. M. Pile 150, W. S. Hillier 102, W. Dencon 141, L. Guy 150; Total 693. Tamar.—D. W. Pitt 150, J. James 150; A. Murphy 107, A. S. King 150, F. Clark 150, H. S. Reding 87; Total 794.

GENE TUNNEY AND BERNARD SHAW.

REFUSES BOXING PART IN "CASHEL BYRON."

Gene Tunney, the heavy-weight boxing champion of the world has refused to "star" in the proposed film version of Mr. George Bernard Shaw's novel, "Cashed Byron's Profession."

An American producer recently cabled an offer of £15,000 for the cinema rights of the novel, coupled with the statement that the champion had been cast for the chief character. Mr. Shaw is reported to have replied with a demand for £20,000 and the suggestion that the part of the villain should be assigned to Jack Dempsey, whom Tunney recently defeated.

Tunney to-day declares that after carefully reading the work he considers it silly, adding:

When Mr. Shaw conceived the idea of writing a novel around a boxer he had a splendid opportunity, but he missed it. He understands neither the temperament nor the psychology of a professional boxer, with the result that Byron is made to appear as no more than a blundering vulgarian. That the girl in the book, reared in an atmosphere of culture and refinement, should fall in love with a man whose only appeal is his magnificent body is absurd.

Tunney paid a tribute to Mr. Shaw's mentality, but declared that the novel must be regarded as the product of his immature years.

Mr. Shaw's Amusing Reply.

When Mr. Shaw was told of Gene Tunney's refusal to appear in a film version of "Cashed Byron's Profession," he said:

Tunney ought to know more about it than I do. If he thinks he can rewrite the book and improve it he had better do so. Tunney is quite right in describing the work as immature, but I am not quite sure if he knows what the boxes in the nineteenth century were like. Cashel Byron would be glad to get one guinea for a fight, while Tunney might want 100,000 dollars for it.

If the book were to be modernised for the film, it would upset its character as a good deal. It would be rather amusing, though, to bring it up to date, and to make the fight in it that between Dempsey and Tunney. I have not got time to do it now, but I might do so some time.

BATTING AND BOWLING AVERAGES.

The current averages show several changes from those of last week. Kowloon played their second match on Saturday and their man appear prominently in the lists. Civil Service players have improved their averages by their easy victory over the Chinese last week, but the University, who disappointed their supporters, show less favourable figures, with the exception of B. P. Ng who played a not out inning. In the second division the Indians are amongst the leaders. Mention must be made, however, of Pte. Lark (R.A.O.C.) and Lacey (Police) who have both taken over twenty wickets each.

DIVISION I.

Players.	Inns.	Runs.	Most in ins.	Times not out.	Average.
A. W. Ramsey (K.C.C.)	2	130	64	1	128.00
A. W. Hayward (H.K.C.C.)	2	125	73	1	125.00
Lieut. Hankey (K.O.S.B.)	2	119	101	1	119.00
G. Goodwin (K.C.C.)	2	82	39	1	82.00
A. A. Ramjahn (U.)	3	119	82	1	59.50
B. D. Evans (C.S.C.C.)	3	118	75	1	47.00
H. N. Balhatchet (U.)	4	141	122	1	48.50
E. C. Fincher (C.S.C.C.)	4	93	58	1	33.00
S. H. Ishail (I.R.C.)	3	70	47	0	34.00
W. Brace (K.C.C.)	2	68	49	0	32.00
A. H. Madar (I.R.C.)	4	59	37	1	29.50
B. P. Ng (U.)	2	143	60	0	29.60
G. R. Sayer (C.S.C.C.)	2	85	41	0	25.33
T. E. Yeoh (C.R.C.)	2	78	20	1	26.00
J. L. Youngsaye (C.R.C.)	2	50	31	0	25.00
Capt. Thorp (K.O.S.B.)	2	50	45	0	25.00
Lieut. Wright (R.A.)	4	68	35	0	23.25
F. Baker (C.S.C.C.)	2	46	46	0	23.00
E. J. R. Mitchell (H.K.C.C.)	2	46	29	0	23.00
A. B. Hamson (C.C.C.)	3	23	13	2	23.00
Sergt. Jones (R.E. and S.)	4	69	43	1	23.00
E. Zimmern (U.)	4	90	54	0	22.50
J. S. A. Currcem (I.R.C.)	4	60	33	1	22.00
F. J. de Rome (C.S.C.C.)	2	22	19	1	22.00
Q.M.S. Roberts (R.E. and S.)	2	21	15	1	21.00
Sergt. Jolly (R.A.)	2	21	15	1	21.00

DIVISION II.

Players.	Inns.	Runs.	Most in ins.	Times not out.	Average.
H. Owen Hughes (H.K.C.C.)	25	82	12	5	5.00
F. J. Ling (C.S.C.C.)	38	38	6	6	5.18
J. C. Lyl (K.C.C.)	19	3	6	3	6.33
Capt. Perfect (K.O.S.B.)	37	5	7	4	7.40
C. R. Vallack (H.K.C.C.)	39	5	7	5	7.80
N. H. Rosa (K.C.C.)	49	8	8	8	8.16
G. Goodwin (K.C.C.)	50	6	8	8	8.33
Lieut.-Col. Cantrell (R.N.)	67	8	8	8	8.37
Capt. Dobbie (K.O.S.B.)	52	6	8	8	8.68
E. B. Reed (C.S.C.C.)	55	6	8	8	9.16
Lieut. Smith (R.A.)	85	8	8	8	9.55
A. H. Madar (I.R.C.)	71	7	7	7	10.14
H. P. Ua (C.R.C.)	57	5	5	5	11.40
A. C. I. Bowker (H.K.C.C.)	119	10	10	10	11.90
G. R. Sayer (C.S.C.C.)	119	10	10	10	11.90

DIVISION II.

Players.	Inns.	Runs.	Most in ins.	Times not out.	Average.
A. S. SuEdad (I.R.C.)	3	73	30	2	73.00
W. H. Sling (U.)	2	60	34	1	60.00
Lieut.-Comdr. Grant (R.N.)	3	93	45	1	46.50
H. A. Alves (Recreio)	3	88	60	1	44.00
T. D. E. Pendered (C.S.C.C.)	2	70	38	0	35.00
C. J. Alexander (Police)	5	189	58	0	32.50
W. D. Gibbs (Tamar)	4	120	39	2	31.65
A. E. Lacey (Police)	5	85	60	0	28.33
H. M. Xavier (Recreio)	3	27	26	1	27.00
Lieut. Neale (Tamar)	2	77	42	0	25.85
R. C. Reed (Recreio)	3	76	35	0	25.33
Lieut. Norris (R.N.)	2	49	28	0	24.50
H. Cooper (Tamar)	3	72	61	0	24.00
Lieut. Falcet (R.N.)	3	43	24	1	24.00
M. Pina (Recreio)	3	63	36	0	21.00
Sergt. Butterfield (R.A.O.C.)	3	63	36	0	21.00
F. G. Bevis (K.C.C.)	2	40	24	0	20.00

DIVISION II.

Players.	Inns.	Runs.	Most in ins.	Times not out.	Average.
D. Mans (I.R.C.)	12	5	5	5	2.40
H. A. Alves (Recreio)	47	5	5	5	3.62
M. P. Madar (I.R.C.)	28	5	5	5	3.60
Pte. C. Lark (R.A.O.C.)	154	25	25	25	6.17
A. S. Ismail (I.R.C.)	121	18	18	18	6.60
C. J. Alexander (Police)	121	18	18	18	6.78
W. Hyde (K.C.C.)	55	8	8	8	6.87
A. E. Lacey (Police)	103	13	13	13	7.45
S. V. Gittins (U.)	103	13	13	13	7.84
Dale (Tamar)	55	7	7	7	7.85
H. Westlake (C.S.C.C.)	41	5	5	5	8.90
T. Gutierrez (Recreio)	44	5	5	5	8.80
Lt. Norris (R.N.)	119	16	16	16	8.81
M. Pina (Recreio)	81	9	9	9	9.00
T. Hinton (H.K.C.C.)	46	5	5	5	9.20
Sirdar Khan (I.R.C.)	65	7	7	7	9.28
C. Sara (C.S.C.C.)	65	7	7	7	9.28
T. D. E. Pendered (C.S.C.C.)	60	6	6	6	10.00
B. N. Sudan (U.)	168	10	10	10	10.50
F. Hiptoola (U.)	103	10	10	10	10.60

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WAGE DEDUCTIONS FOR BAD WORK.

ALLOWED BY KING'S BENCH JUDGES.

Judgment was given for the Riverside Mills Company, Bolton, in the King's Bench Division recently, against a decision of local justices who ordered them to repay to a work girl named Hart the sum of 6d. they deducted from her wages for bad work done.

The Lord Chief Justice said that Miss Hart was a weaver. The question was whether the employers could legally deduct the sum from wages instead of claiming it in civil proceedings. It was admitted that although the deduction from wages of small sums for bad work done had been a practice for years, the workpeople complained that it was against all the principles of the Truck Acts.

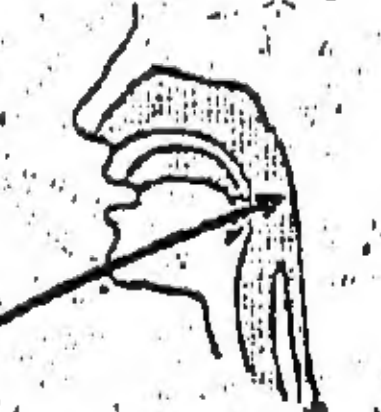
The workpeople, in his opinion, should receive wages on a standard basis under their contracts of employment, and if the workman did bad work, the only remedy the employer had was to sue him for compensation. Therefore he was of opinion that the Bolton justices were right in ordering repayment to the girl.

There to do Good Work.

Mr. Justice Avory and Mr. Justice Salter took the opposite view. They thought that the workpeople were there to do good work, and not bad work. There was nothing in the Statute that made it illegal to deduct from the standard of wages a reasonable sum for compensation.

The appeal of the employers was allowed, with costs, and the order of the justices reversed.

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CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENTS.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—Through the convenience of your columns, may I draw to the attention of promoters of concerts, bazaars, and entertainments, the discomfort endured by the audience owing to the inadequacy of the dressing-room accommodation.

To give only two instances of children's enjoyment being spoilt, at the M.C.L. bazaar there was no obvious notice of any convenience, and on enquiry it was described as "hidden away behind a stall." At the Christmas Revels at the Theatre Royal, the children were asked to sit for three hours without relief. On such an occasion it is quite a simple matter to supply temporary fittings to each section, and equally important that prominent notices of direction be displayed.—Yours, etc.,

GOVERNOR.

December 23rd, 1926.

WANCHAI WESLEYAN CHURCH.

The newly appointed Minister to the Wanchai Wesleyan Church (the Rev. J. C. Knight Anstey) is due to arrive in Hong Kong per the s.s. *Kalyan* to-morrow.

The Rev. J. C. Knight Anstey, who is accompanied by his wife, has been appointed from Home to take over the pastorate from the acting Chaplain, the Rev. H. S. F. Roastier, who has been supplied at Wanchai since the departure for Home of the Rev. Mr. Bastin in November last. He is a well known preacher in Methodist circles in the South of England and was Superintendent Minister of Brentford Circuit and Minister of Hounslow Wesleyan Church. He is a member of the Wesleyan Methodist Foreign Mission Council at home and is a brother of Rear-Admiral Knight Anstey, R.N., who at one time served on the China Station. A son of the new Minister is at present serving as an Officer in the Royal Navy at Malta.

A reception to Mr. and Mrs. Knight Anstey is to be held in the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home, Arsenal Street, on Tuesday evening next at 8.30 o'clock, and on the following Sunday Mr. Knight Anstey will conduct the services in the Wesleyan Church.

CHRISTMAS EXCURSIONS.

THE SAILINGS OF THE RIVER STEAMERS.

A TRIP TO KONGMOON.

The departure of the Sze Yap Steamship Company's *On Lee* for Pakhoi, the port of Kongmoon, this evening will be an innovation in the way of river steamer excursions. Up to the present no boat has departed from Hong Kong with cargo and passengers on Saturday evenings owing to the arrival at Pakhoi being on a Sunday morning, when the Chinese Maritime Customs are not open to clear the ship.

Permission, however, has been granted by the Commission of Customs at Pakhoi for the *On Lee* to carry out this excursion trip.

MACAO TRIPS.

Three excursions will be run to Macao during the holidays by the s.s. *Sui An* of the Hong Kong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd.

To-day, to-morrow and Monday, this boat will leave Wing Lok Wharf at 9 a.m. each day (instead of 9 a.m.). Departure from Macao will be at 3.30 p.m. Sunday and 3 p.m. on the other two days. The single trip usually occupies under four hours.

An additional night trip to Canton will be run by the Steamboat Co.'s *Lungshan*, leaving Hong Kong at 2 a.m. on December 27th and Canton (for the return trip) at 2 p.m. the same day.

The s.s. *Taihsan* will be out of dock and will sail at 2 a.m. on Tuesday, replacing the *Lungshan* which goes back to the day run.

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The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:

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Total	\$3,100

THE "SUNNING" PIRACY CASE.

A CABIN BOY'S EVIDENCE.

CASE ADJOURNED UNTIL AFTER CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

The hearing of the case in which seventeen Chinese are now held on charges arising out of the piracy of the s.s. *Sunning* was continued at the Central Magistracy yesterday, before Mr. R. E. Lindsell. The Court sat both in the morning and afternoon.

Only one witness was called, namely, another cabin boy attending second-class Chinese passengers on the *Sunning*. He gave his evidence-in-chief in the morning, and was further examined in the afternoon.

At the close of yesterday's hearing, Mr. Lindsell adjourned the case until Tuesday afternoon at 2.15. His Worship intimated that he would also sit on Thursday and Friday mornings and afternoons next week.

In his evidence, the cabin boy said that he was in the after house at about 4 p.m. He heard shots fired and he rushed into cabin No. 21. Later a pirate came in and asked him if he had anything of value.

Witness replied that he had nothing, and the pirates took nothing from him. He remained in the cabin until 8 p.m. and then someone called him to serve meals.

Witness went out and saw that the pirates were having meals in relay; two or three at a time. About half an hour later, the pirates asked for opium and witness gave them 6 tins. The pirates, witness said, also asked for some of the best tea to be served to them. On coming out of the cabin, another pirate asked witness for some food. The man, witness said, was dressed in a fur-lined coat and carried a rifle. The man pointed to a bottle of whisky and asked him to open the bottle and also two tins of pineapples. Witness did so, and the pirate consumed what he wanted.

Witness further stated that when he served tea to cabin No. 16, there were three men in that cabin. Two of them were sitting on a sofa and one man was on the bunk. The man on the bunk witness identified, as the first accused. He was then wearing spectacles. The man with the fur-lined coat, and who had the whisky, etc., was the second defendant, witness stated.

Witness after serving the men with food and drink went back to his cabin and remained there for about an hour. He again heard shots fired and a *yok* shouted out "all's not well" and that many other *yoks* were shot. Witness and others then rushed out of the cabin and hid themselves in the Chief Engineer's cabin. They were, however, driven out of the cabin to the bridge, where witness made his escape, hiding himself under a life boat on the starboard side. Witness remained under the boat for about half an hour, when the fire started.

THE "SAIKUNG" PIRACY.

THREE PRISONERS SENTENCED TO DEATH.

The *Saikung* piracy case concluded before Sir Henry Gollan, the Chief Justice, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday, and after retiring for over an hour, the jury returned a verdict of guilty of murder against all three prisoners.

The foreman stated that one of the jurymen wished to add a recommendation to mercy to the verdict.

His Lordship said that a reason would have to be stated.

The foreman replied that the jurymen's reason was that he was doubtful whether prisoners had an opportunity of calling witnesses.

His Lordship replied that sufficient opportunity was always given to prisoners to call witnesses. His experience was that the prosecution did everything, to help prisoners in securing witnesses.

Mr. Dyer Ball referred to the depositions and his Lordship remarked that prisoners had been asked in the Magistracy whether they had any witnesses to call. He added that the recommendation would be noted, and the grounds on which it was made.

Sentence of death was then passed and his Lordship said he agreed with the Jury's verdict.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE.

RALPHS' SHIELD COMPETITION, 1926.

The competition was held on December 12th and 19th, the Judges being Lt. Col. Boylan-Smith, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.D., R.A.M.C., Major Stevenson, R.A.M.C., Dr. Milward and Dr. Moore, Acting District Surgeon.

The results were:—

Division	Drill, etc. First Aid	Total
1. King's College	229 342	571
2. Y.M.C.A.	221 342	563
3. Kowloon	180 291	471
4. Indian	192 283	475

The Shield is accordingly awarded to the King's College Division. The work in all Divisions, it is stated, was worthy of great praise.

BANNING AMERICAN ART.

OLGA PETROVA AND ANITA LOOS.

THEIR OPINIONS OF THE LORD CHAMBERLAIN.

The Lord Chamberlain of England has seriously annoyed a real celebrity. In fact Olga Petrova, whose play "What Do We Want?" was banned by that official has made a bitter attack on the censorship of plays in England.

"You can't have a court flunkey controlling art," she said.

Olga Petrova is the highest paid vaudeville (or variety) artist in America when she consents to play on the stage; she receives from £500 to £800 a week. Once she was a variety artist—as plain Marie Harding—in London. In those days she was sometimes so poor that she had only 2d. in her pocket.

After a hard struggle she went to New York, and rapidly made a reputation. From earning 30s. a week she rose to a salary of £10,000 a year.

She gave up film-playing because the glare of the are lights affected her eyes. She has written several plays; her greatest ambition is to write words "that will live after her."

A Sister in Distress.

Anita Loos, on whose play "The Fall of Eve," the ban of the Lord Chamberlain fell recently, sent a humorous cable from America in which she pretended to agree with the censor. She sugared her satirical pill.

"The Lord Chamberlain is absolutely right," she said. "The Fall of Eve is a very improper play, and its production would undoubtedly undermine the morals of the British public. Besides, it is a very poor play and would undoubtedly be a failure if produced. So the Lord Chamberlain is preventing some good-intentioned London manager from losing his shirt, and besides, we Americans always obey all laws unquestioningly, and whatever the Lord Chamberlain says is right, for is it not the law?"

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SHIPS OF THE WORLD.

NAVAL AND MERCHANT TYPES.

"BRASSEY'S NAVAL AND SHIPPING ANNUAL" REVIEWED.

In the preface to the issue for 1927 of *Brassey's Naval and Shipping Annual*, just published, it is remarked that far-reaching changes in the application of physical science to sea transport as well as sea defence are taking place. Attention is specially directed to the developments in engineering, and it is pointed out that the naval authorities are incorporating their deductions from the experience of the Great War in the designs of cruisers, destroyers, and submarines. "Everything concerned with sea affairs is undergoing a change which is finding expression in a variety of ways, and is, in particular, affecting the equipment of all types of ships." This movement is revealed in the illustrations, diagrams, and profiles which are contained in this volume, and in particular in the picture of the new British battleships *Jellicoe* and *Rodney*. A revolution is occurring at sea. The steamer, having vanquished the sailor, has recently been challenged by the motor-ship, and now Sir John Biles suggested that owing to the research of the Hon. Sir Charles Parsons the motor-ship may find a serious rival in vessels fitted with high-pressure steam turbines of the type which is being tried experimentally in the Clyde pleasure steamer *King George V*.

The Admiralty is still maintaining almost complete silence as to the offensive and defensive powers of the two new battleships which will be commissioned this year, but the editors of *Brassey's Annual* declare that "these vessels represent as revolutionary a development of the capital ship as did the original Dreadnought when she took the water twenty years ago." Commander A. Colquhoun Bell also foresees a reconsideration of the cruiser problem in view of the varied uses to which such swift ships were put during the Great War. He considers the existing types as ill-suited to the probable demands of any future war. Sir George Tharston, the well-known naval architect, is, on his part, disatisfied with the modern torpedo-boat destroyers which are now passing into the fleets of the world, remarkable in fighting power and speed as these vessels are. He describes, with the aid of diagrams, what he calls the super-destroyer, and contends that such a type, while not exceeding in any appreciable extent the cost of the present flotilla leader, would carry out all the work now done by destroyer flotillas, and, owing to a more powerful torpedo armament, would be a greater menace to the capital ship; its better sea-keeping qualities and, even possibly, mine-laying and plane-carrying capabilities, would also render it more efficient for scouting and other purposes than the destroyers which are now being built.

State and Merchant Shipping.

The outstanding feature of the section of *Brassey's Annual* which is devoted to merchant shipping is a contribution from Mr. Walter Runciman, M.P., the President of the Chamber of Shipping. He deals trenchantly with the contention, which various Socialists have sponsored, that if shipping were nationalised losses would be converted into profits, and in disproof of this thesis points to the unhappy and ruinously costly experiments of this kind which have been made by the United States and other countries.

Sir Westcott Abell gives his usual incisive review of the progress of merchant shipping throughout the world, supplying particularly interesting details of the forward policy which is being pursued in Italy with the financial encouragement of Signor Mussolini, who has declared that "Italy's future lies on the sea." Mr. Cuthbert Maughan tells the melancholy story of the depression of freights; Mr. John P. Taylor discusses the passenger ship as cargo carrier; while Mr. W. H. Clapham describes the "notable merchant ships of the year." It is claimed that this annual, which was founded by the first Lord Brassey thirty-eight years ago, and has in the past few years been greatly enlarged in scope as well as in size, is "the only publication of its kind either in the British Empire or any foreign country." This challenging declaration, in view of the contents of the new issue, would be difficult to dispute.

* *Brassey's Naval and Shipping Annual*. Edited by Sir Alexander Richardson and Archibald Hurd. London: Clowes and Sons. Price 25s.

CAVIARE FISHERIES.

MAN WHO WAS SENTENCED TO DEATH BY SOVIET.

Surrounded by leading London chefs at the Cookery and Food Exhibition at Olympia, Kensington, was a young man who has twice been sentenced to death by the Soviet in his quest for the rare delicacy caviare.

He was Mr. Damenez, whose father, owner of the Damenez caviare fisheries at Astrakhan, on the Volga River, claims to have discovered how to keep caviare fresh. Neither father nor son now visits the fishery, where a Soviet manager is installed. They have to control it by meeting the manager outside Russia.

Mr. Damenez, jun., told a Press representative:

"We lost £24,000 as a result of the revolution and then had to buy back our fishery from the Soviet for £25,000. I was twice sentenced to death, and although I was able to escape such a ridiculous penalty, have never considered it advisable to go back."

The caviare used at the exhibition was the autumn crop. In the spring the sturgeon, whose roe is caviare, are caught in nets, but in the autumn they are harpooned through holes in the ice.

MR. BALDWIN AND RED PLOTS.

M.P.'S PLANS TO STOP THEM.

The closing stages of the English coal stoppage, which Moscow financed to the tune of more than £1,000,000 in order to strike a blow at British trade, were marked by redoubled activity on the part of Moscow propagandists in England.

These advocates of revolution and misery are carrying out the orders of Zinoviev, laid down in his notorious letter published more than two years ago.

Anxiety has been expressed by Conservative M.P.s at this new aspect of the Red menace, and demands are once again being made that all the Moscow agents in England shall be cleared out bag and baggage.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Baldwin, recently, in a committee room in the House of Commons presided over a meeting of Conservative M.P.s called to consider means to combat Communist propaganda in the constituencies.

Meanwhile other nations are taking drastic action against the Moscow plotters. In Java, as stated in the *Daily Press*, the Dutch are entering all the leaders of the recent revolt. *Pravda*, the official Moscow newspaper, of November 7th stated: "We are also worrying the British capitalists in Dutch India. Here a new attack is being prepared." The revolt began on November 12th—five days after *Pravda's* accurate forecast.

ZINOVIEV'S ORDERS.

HOW THEY ARE BEING CARRIED OUT.

The rank and file of the Conservative Party has long been alive to the extent of the menace caused to the nation by permitting Communist propaganda to be continued without check or counter.

A carefully thought-out campaign of political education has been planned by the Conservative organisers, and it is primarily for discussion of this that the meeting with the Prime Minister was arranged.

During the past few weeks there have been signs that an increasing number of Cabinet Ministers realise that in this matter the rank and file of the party is right. Lord Birkenhead, Mr. Winston Churchill, Sir William Joynton-Hicks, and, most recently, the Prime Minister have all made pointed references in regard to the persistent efforts of Moscow's agents throughout the Empire to undermine its foundations and prosperity.

Trying to Stop Peace.

But the party as a whole is fearful lest its leaders, under the influence of the Foreign Office, will again shrink, as they did last summer, from taking the courageous and obvious step of clearing out the Reds bag and baggage.

Zinoviev's orders to his servants in England were framed with the object of overcoming the inclinations to compromise which are embedded among the majority of British workmen, so that later "it might be possible to count upon complete success of an armed insurrection."

Zinoviev pointed out the chances for accelerating this Bolshevizing of British workpeople which would occur should extensive strike action develop.

Throughout the past seven months the Communists have worked ceaselessly both by propaganda and by money to support the coal stoppage despite the severe hardships it has imposed on all the workers in the country.

DANGER OF EXTREMISTS IN TRADE UNIONS.

The Prime Minister, in a letter to Mr. L. E. Gault, Conservative candidate at the Central Hull by-election:

There are men in the Trade Union movement who are using the unions not as legitimate weapons to secure the betterment of the working classes but as a means of promoting the revolutionary doctrines based on a spirit of class hatred.

In the recent negotiations between the Trade Union Congress and the Miners' Federation we have seen experienced and well-tried Trade Union leaders, men who believe in peace and work for peace, openly flouted by men of extreme views. There have been many other indications of this tendency which show only too clearly the dangers that confront the country if this extreme element is put in a position of authority.

It is the duty of everyone who believes in a democratic government, who takes pride in the national institutions and traditions on which our prosperity rests and who prefers methods of conciliation to the use of force, to resist this menace to our national safety.

Secret Meeting.

Ample proof of the seriousness of Mr. Baldwin's warning is afforded by the following authenticated details of a secret meeting held last week in a south coast town.

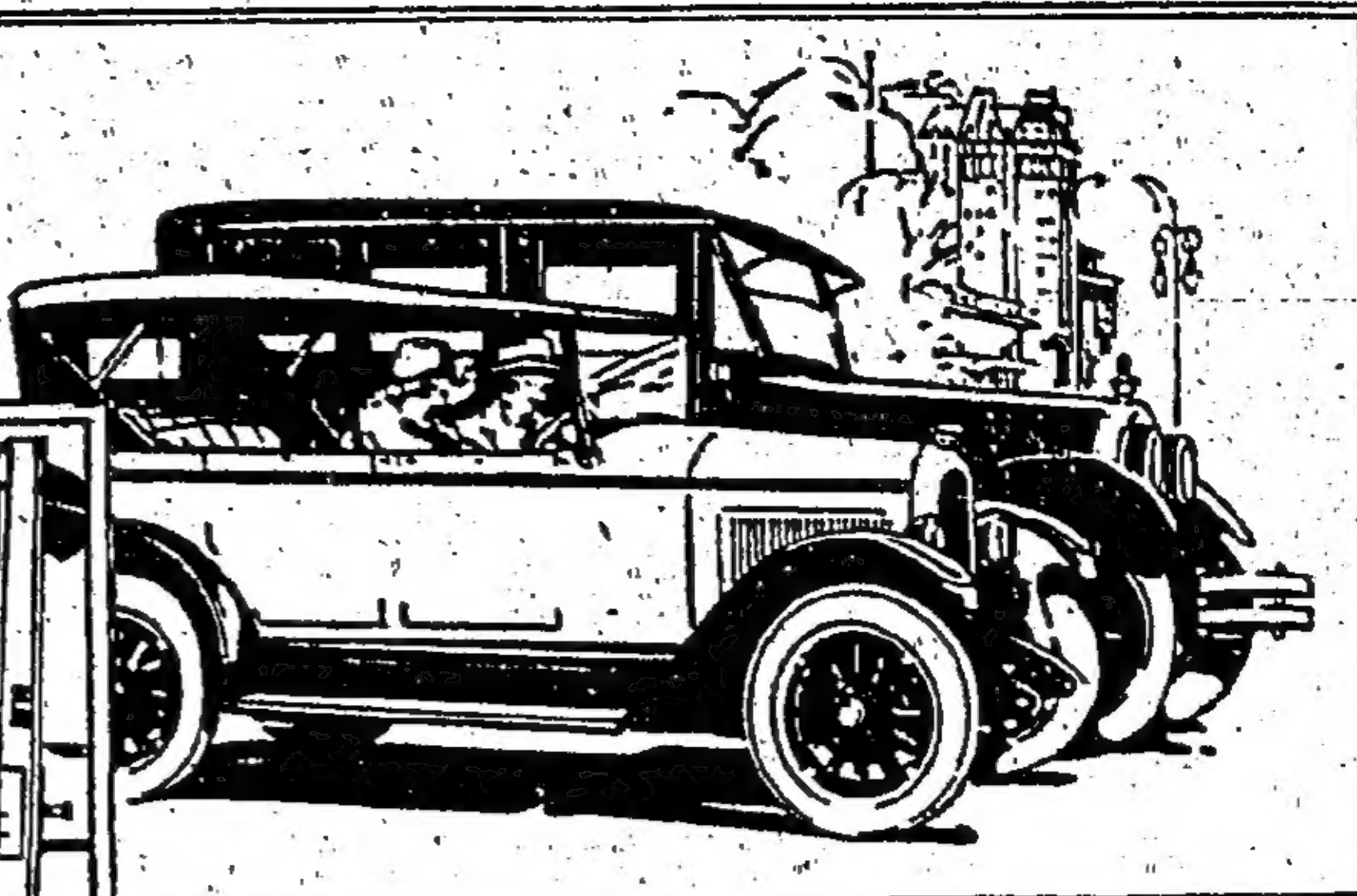
A large hall at a hotel was booked, ostensibly to hold a meeting of sections of the railwaymen's unions. More than 60 men and several women were present and speeches were made by two prominent London Communists.

The complete failure of the general strike was discussed for longer than an hour, and the chief speakers asked their followers not to be disheartened. They described the general strike as merely a preliminary center. Plans were maturing satisfactorily, they said, for the next general strike, which had been fixed for 1929.

A man who left his wife chargeable to Coventry Guardians pleaded, when brought before the Coventry magistrates that when they were married she represented herself as 24 years of age, but he found she was 45 and old enough to be his mother.



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TIRPITZ AND PRINCE LICHNOWSKY.

EX-AMBASSADOR SNUBS THE GRAND ADMIRAL.

Charges of misappropriating official documents are not the only ones which Admiral Tirpitz has brought on himself by his last book, says the Berlin correspondent of the *Daily Telegraph*. He is now accused of abusing the confidence of private correspondence.

The book contains an interesting confidential letter of December 26th, 1914, in which Prince Lichnowsky urged on the admiral that a crushing victory over Great Britain was unlikely, and that therefore it was unwise to bombard or bomb open English towns and so generate a spirit of embitterment which would impede the opening of peace negotiations. A sarcastic postscript about Berchthold's policy is then quoted.

In an open letter to the *Berliner Tageblatt* the Prince now says he has no reason to repudiate the view expressed then by him that Germany would not be able to "dictate peace," and consequently should seek an understanding with England, but he continues: "Hitherto it has been the custom to publish letters devoid both of an official and a business character only with the agreement of the writer, and I should have given my consent with particular pleasure, though I should naturally have wished the omission of the closing ironical remarks about a diplomatic friend which were not pertinent to the main question."

The Prince then refers to a disparaging judgment on his knowledge of men in one of Tirpitz's own letters also published in the book, and says: "Naturally I am far from regarding the confidence which I have shown your Excellency on various occasions as one of the grounds for a charge of defective powers of judgment."

The letter closes as follows: "Your Excellency must admit that my judgment as to the course of the war, the necessity of peace by agreement, and especially as to the ruthless submarine campaign, proved more correct than the programme of the Fatherland party (Tirpitz's creation) which brought us to the Versailles peace."

£670 FOR A KIPLING FIRST EDITION.

A copy of the rare original issue of the first edition of Kipling's earliest work "Schoolboy Lyrics" recently fetched 3,350 dollars (about £670) at a sale of the American Art Galleries, New York.

The poems included in the volume were written while Kipling was at school, and printed through his parents in India in 1881.

Only fifty copies were issued, of which the first few were in white wrappers. The copy sold at the above price is one of the latter.

WISDOM OF "THE TIGER."

M. CLEMENCEAU'S STUDY OF DEMOSTHENES.

At the age of 84 the "Tiger" has given the world a study of Demosthenes in which may perhaps be discerned his reflections on his own career of storm and splendour—a career resembling that of Demosthenes except that the Athenian orator failed, while M. Clemenceau saved his country.

"Demosthenes" (by Georges Clemenceau, translated by C. M. Thompson; Hodder and Stoughton, 10s. 6d.) is a short book, but in it there are many noble passages.

Human history is a planetary phenomenon, the natural miseries of which man can redeem with incomparable bursts of greatness, whatever may be his torment when he fails. Since the common lot is to suffer, call that man happy who has laboured in a noble cause and pity him who, having sought nothing higher than himself, has known no more than the ashes of a selfish life, vainly consumed. The sole effective lesson is taught by example.

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In these phrases we seem to hear the voice which in the terrible days when the Germans were pushing towards Paris, and it seemed as though there would be nothing to stop them—restored confidence and calm. The book is a fine one, and as we read we feel more than ever that this Demosthenes is really M. Clemenceau.

NEW GAMING ACTS IN ENGLAND.

FIRST BOOKMAKER TO SUFFER.

The first English bookmaker to have his licence suspended under the new gaming acts was Alfred James Davis, 49, of Woodstock-street, Clerkenwell, who was at Bow-street on November 8th fined £20 for loitering in Red Lion-passages, W.C. for the purpose of betting and his bookmaker's certificate was suspended for 12 months.

Davis denied that he was taking bets, and said that he was merely paying out winnings on bets which he had taken legitimately earlier in the week.

The Magistrate, Mr. Graham Campbell, pointed out that under the Act it was just as much an offence to settle bets in the street as to receive bets.

It was stated that Davis was convicted last month of a similar offence.

TOWARDS TELEVISION.

NORWEGIAN ENGINEER'S SUCCESSFUL BROADCAST OF PICTURES.

Pictures were recently broadcast by the Norwegian Government's chief telegraph engineer, Hermod Petersen, with every success.

Scenes in the broadcasting programme were transmitted to listeners who were supplied with specially prepared paper on which the pictures were reproduced. The inventor claims that his invention will also be applicable to the ordinary crystal sets, which, with an attachment, will be able to register pictures transmitted to them from the central broadcasting station.

Mr. J. L. Baird, a young Englishman, is the inventor of a system of television, that is, a moving picture of an event. Mr. Baird hopes shortly to have his system developed, so that broadcasts of events as they happen may be made, the owner of a television set seeing as well as hearing what is happening.

M. Belin, of Paris, is also perfecting a system of television.

STRONGER SEX "NONSENSE."

"The statement made by a recent woman swimmer of the Channel that women are equal to, indeed surpass, men in athletics, is just nonsense," said Dr. Harry Campbell, an eminent London physician and author of many authoritative medical books, in the course of a lecture before the Institute of Hygiene. Man, he said, was far more muscular than woman. His greater height depended upon his longer "limbs"; hence women were bad runners. There was no such difference in swiftness and muscularity in the case of sub-human animals, such as horses and dogs.

"Women," continued the doctor, "have smaller lungs and fewer blood cells than men—in the proportion of four to five. In women the vital fire does not burn so quickly as in men. It is thus obvious that women are not adapted like men for a strenuous muscular life. Mentally men and women differ in the realm of feeling rather than of intellect. Intellectually men and women stand somewhat upon the same footing. While genius is more common in the male sex, it is also in the female."

The subject of Dr. Campbell's address was "Headache and other Minor Ailments," and he declared that headache was a malady of civilisation. It was certainly rare among uncivilised people. Undoubtedly the chief cause was an unhealthy state of the blood, engendered by an unhealthy mode of life, such as unwholesome food, insufficient exercise in the open, stuffy rooms, and late hours. "Dancing itself is a healthy occupation," he added, "but late hours are bad. While not wishing to hamper healthy frivolity, I feel compelled, as a physician, to ban night clubs—they cause more misery than happiness."

AN IRISH WOOLING.

WHISKY THAT PAVED THE WAY.

NO LOVE IN IT.

A bottle of whisky played a prominent part in the hearing of an action for breach of promise of marriage at Longford (Lunster) recently in which Miss Annie Kiernan, a farmer's daughter, sued Mr. Hugh Kiernan, a farmer, for £250 damages.

Miss Kiernan said Mr. Kiernan was introduced to her by a man named Eugene Kiernan, who came with some friends to match-make, bringing a bottle of whisky with them.

Mr. Hugh Kiernan asked her to marry him, and on the question of dowry she said she would get £100.

£140 Reserve.

A kind of bargain sale, according to counsel, then took place, the match-makers reserving the price at £140. The whisky, however, mellowed the item, and it was agreed to knock off £40.

A day was fixed to meet in Granard, when Mr. Kiernan was to pay over her "fortune," but he did not turn up, and she was at a loss of £25 paid for her trousseau.

She saw defendant only three times altogether, and the first time she was only a half-an-hour in his company, when he put his arms around her and kissed her affectionately—(laughter)—but there was not a word of love between them. (Renewed laughter.)

Mr. Hugh Kiernan, who looked about 60, admitted kissing the girl, and said he would marry her if he got the money. (Laughter.)

Counsel: There was no love at all in it?—Oh, sorry much.

The Judge: Would you marry her now if you got the money?—I'd hardly agree with her now or she with me. (Loud laughter.)

Did you meet a lady with more money?—No. I didn't need any of them after that.

Counsel: He is determined to keep away from the ladies in future.

Defendant: Maybe I'd be just as lucky.

Judge Wakely awarded £60 damages and costs.

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HONG KONG SHIPPING.

LOCAL FREIGHTS BELOW AVERAGES.

General merchandise entered into the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday amounted to 4,418 tons, of which 108 tons were brought by one British steamer. The only four figure tonnage was discharged from the s.s. *President Lincoln*, which unloaded 2,458 tons.

Through freights were manifested on 5 vessels out of 8 arrivals. The tonnage carried was normal. In all there were 18,018 tons. The best returns were shown by the German vessel *Rhein*, from Hamburg and Miti, which had 8,195 tons and the British steamer *Kaiwa*, arriving from Yokohama and Shanghai, carried 3,100 tons.

The arrivals and departures during the same period under review were British 1 arrival and 6 departures; Japanese 3 arrivals and 2 departures; Norwegian 2 departures; Chinese 3 arrivals and 1 departure; Dutch 1 departure; French 2 arrivals; German 1 arrival and 1 departure; American 1 arrival and 1 departure. There were 84 vessels in port, of which, 24 were British.

The tabulated lists of arrivals and clearances will be found in another column.

SHIPPING NOTES.

The total number of deck passengers entered into Hong Kong during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday was 453.

A notice to mariners at the Harbour Office yesterday, stated that information had been received from the Naval Authorities that experimental moorings will be laid in the following positions from Wednesday, December 29th, to about Wednesday, January 29th: (a) 19° 13.8 cables from Green Island Lighthouse; (b) 033° 5.8 cables from Table Island, northern extreme at entrance to Port Shelter; (c) 050° 10 cables from Cape Collinson Lighthouse.

The R.M.S. *Empress of Canada* arrived yesterday, afternoon from Vancouver via ports, with a heavy Christmas mail from Canada, the States and letters from London via Canada. The liner brought a heavy freight for local discharge, and carried many passengers, both in the first class saloon, and also in second and third classes. There were nearly 600 steerage passengers, of which 536 were Chinese, on board. The *Empress of Canada* sails for Manila to-day and returns on the 30th, when she will go into dock for her annual overhaul and refit like the *Empress of Asia*. She will be followed later by the R.M.S. *Empress of Russia*. The *Empress of Asia* sails for Vancouver via Shanghai and Japan on January 6th, and the *Empress of Canada* on January 26th.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The B.I. & Apcar Line s.s. *Takada* left Singapore for this port on December 23rd, and is due here on the 26th, at about 7 a.m.

The Ben Line s.s. *Benledi*, from Leith, Middlesbrough, Antwerp, London, Straits and Philippines, is due to arrive here on the 1st prox.

The Blue Funnel Line s.s. *Menelaus* arrived at London on December 18th.

The Blue Funnel Line s.s. *Atreus* arrived at Liverpool on December 10th.

The Blue Funnel Line s.s. *Protesilaus* arrived at Vancouver on December 22nd.

VESSELS EXPECTED

Achilles (Blue Funnel), due January 27th, 1927.
Adriatic (Blue Funnel), due February 13th, 1927.
Benledi (Ben Line), due January 1st.
Canton (Swedish East Asiatic), due January 21st, 1927.
Cyclops (Blue Funnel), due Monday.
Demodocus (Blue Funnel), due January 4th, 1927.
Ixion (Blue Funnel), due January 7th, 1927.
Kalyan (P. & O.), due to-morrow, about 10 a.m.
Maechan (Blue Funnel), due January 18th, 1927.
Menelaus (Blue Funnel), due February 3rd, 1927.
Meriones (Blue Funnel), due February 17th, 1927.
Patroclus (Blue Funnel), due February 2nd, 1927.
Percus (Blue Funnel), due January 20th, 1927.
Rhezenor (Blue Funnel), due February 27th, 1927.
Sarpedon (Blue Funnel), due January 5th, 1927.
Shirala (B.I. & Apcar), due Monday, about 4 p.m.
Takada (B.I. & Apcar), due December 29th, about 7 a.m.
Teiresias (Blue Funnel), due to-day.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN HONG KONG.

FOR DECEMBER, 1926.

(STANDARD TIME OF 120TH MERIDIAN, OF GREENWICH).

Date	Sunrise	Sunset
December 25th	7.00 a.m.	5.45 p.m.
" 26th	7.00 "	5.45 "
" 27th	7.01 "	5.47 "
" 28th	7.01 "	5.47 "
" 29th	7.02 "	5.45 "
" 30th	7.02 "	5.45 "
" 31st	7.03 "	5.49 "

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Hong Kong Observatory, December 24th.			
	Previous Day at 2 p.m.	On Date at 6 a.m.	On Date at 2 p.m.
Barometer	30.25	30.23	30.10
Temperature	60	64	58
Humidity	44	55	48
Wind Direction	SE	North	E
Force	2	2	3
Weather	C	C	C
Rain	0.0	0.0	0.0
Highest open-air Temperature on 23rd	60		
Lowest open-air Temperature on 24th	54		
B=Blue sky; C=Cloudy; D=Drizzle; F=Fog; L=Lightning; M=Mist; O=Overcast; P=Passing showers; Q=Squalls; R=Rain; T=Thunder.			

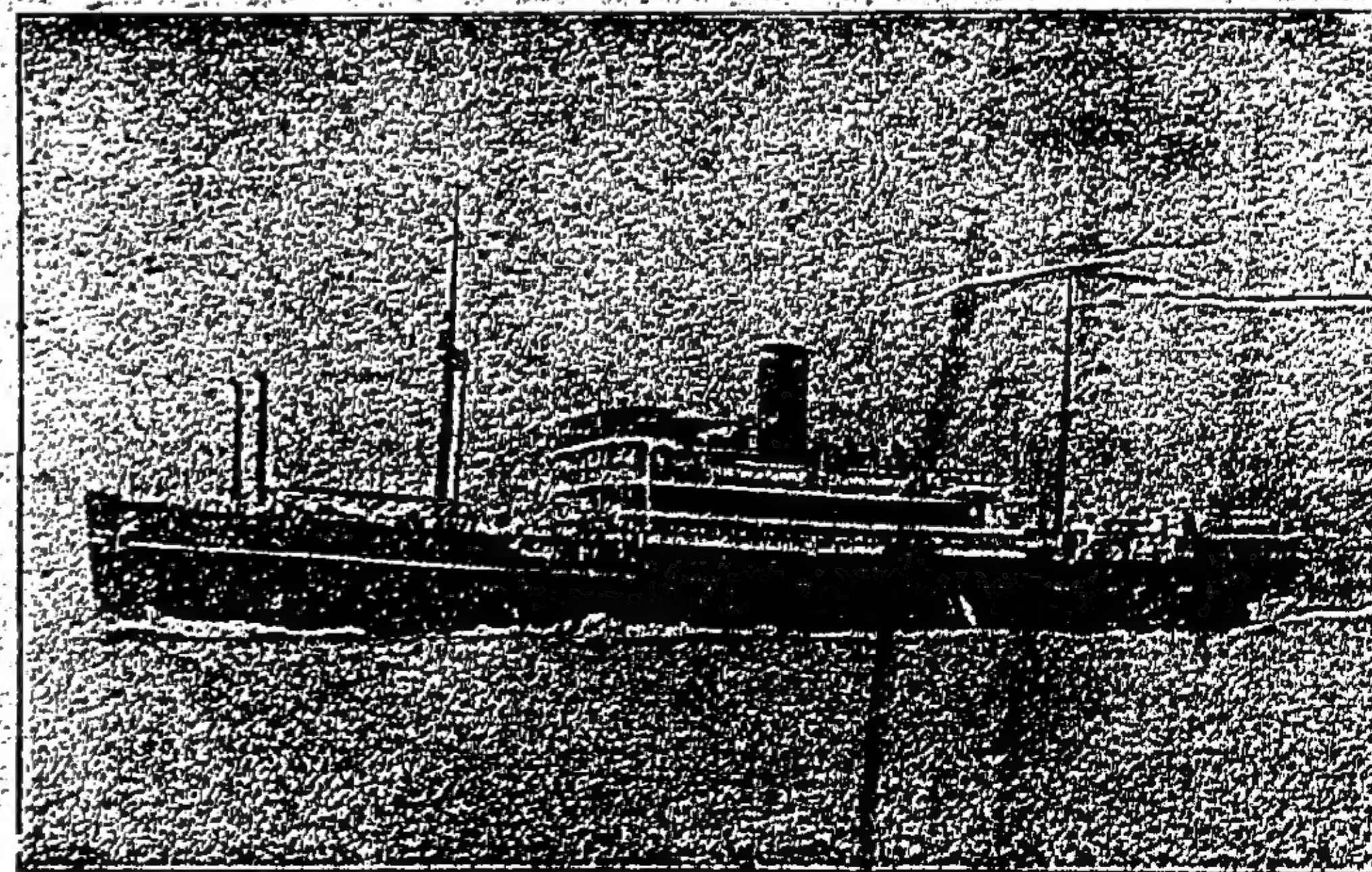
HONG KONG TIDE TABLE.

From December 25th to 31st, 1926.			
HIGH WATER.		LOW WATER.	
Days of Week	Date of Month	H. Kong Standard Time	Height
Satur.	25	h. m.	ft. in.
Sun.	26	h. m.	ft. in.
Mon.	27	h. m.	ft. in.
Tues.	28	h. m.	ft. in.
Wed.	29	h. m.	ft. in.
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SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVALS.

December 23rd.

Ishikari Maru, Japanese str., 4,399 tons, Capt. T. Yamaguchi, from Moji, which port she left on December 18th, with 100 tons of general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—O.S.K.

Kinsan Maru, Japanese str., 1,007 tons, Capt. K. Sakurai, from Dairen and Lungkow, which port she left on Dec. 17th, with vermicelli and ground nut, lying at buoy No. C14.—O.S.K.

Phraung, Chinese str., 1,092 tons, Capt. O. V. Prasanna, from Port Camia and Hoibow, with coal and bullock, lying at buoy No. B47.—Cheong Yoo S.S. Co.

Sungshan Maru, Japanese str., 1,503 tons, Capt. G. Kawamura, from Shanghai and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C43.—N.Y.K.

December 24th.

Empress of Canada, British str., 21,517 tons, Capt. S. Robinson, C.B.E., R.N.R., from Vancouver, B.C., which port she left on December 4th, with 643 tons of general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—C.P.S. & S.

Kaiti, British str., 3,550 tons, Capt. C. P. Cooper, C.B.E., R.N.R., from Yokohama via Shanghai. The latter port she left on December 21st, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A1.—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co.

Rhein, German motor ship, 3,623 tons, Capt. W. Harn, from Hamburg, via Singapore and Miri. The first mentioned port she left on November 6th, with 500 tons of general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—Reuter, Brockelmann & Co.

Yingchow, British str., 1,318 tons, from Shanghai, which port she left on Dec. 20th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B12.—B. & S.

CLEARANCES.

December 24th.

Clara Johnson, for Singapore.

Del Mar, for Swatow.

Hai Hong, for Swatow.

Huichow, for Weihaiwei.

Ishikari Maru, for Singapore.

Kinsan Maru, for Dairen.

Kwai Sang, for Shanghai.

Nam Sang, for Amoy.

Nitta Maru, for Canton.

Olderkerk, for Manila.

President Lincoln, for Manila.

Rhein, for Shanghai.

Tai See Ma, for Kwang Chow Wan.

Tak Hong, for Amoy.

Tung Maru, for Amoy.

Yei Jun Maru, for Tsingtau.

Yingchow, for Canton.

PASSENGERS.

Per P. & O. s.s. *Albia*, on December 24th:—*Mr. E. V. Longinotti*, Capt. L. G. Macpherson, Capt. D. H. James, Mr. W. T. Nelson, Mr. C. H. Inder, Mr. C. E. Gilbert, Mr. W. F. Kisman, Mr. J. Booth, Sister Isabel, Miss R. Chisholm, Miss M. Salway, Mr. A. P. Stoner, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Wallace, Miss A. I. Morgan, Miss A. K. Peterson, Mr. W. G. Leigh, Mr. E. R. Cartwright, Mr. W. M. Kelly, Miss M. A. Frame, Miss C. S. Vance, Miss R. Pearl Ellis, Mrs. W. K. Russell, Miss E. Russell, Capt. and Mrs. J. O. Gage, Miss L. Morrow, Mrs. C. J. Davenport, Miss K. Davenport, Miss Davenport, Mr. G. E. Legge, Mr. and Mrs. H. Crombie, Misses E. and C. M. Crombie, Mr. and Mrs. A. Speira, Mr. W. A. B. Leach, Mr. J. D. McCracken, Mr. C. Gray, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. King, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Pennington and two infants, Mr. F. O. Bailey, Mr. A. H. Wyard, and Mr. H. R. Haddon.

Per R.M.S. *Empress of Canada*, from Vancouver via Japan and Shanghai, on December 24th. For Hong Kong: Rev. U. Arcand, Mr. M. Y. A. Arcand, Mr. M. Z. A. Arcand, Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Jaffray, Miss M. K. Jaffray, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Johnson, Mrs. J. C. McNab, Miss M. McNab, Mr. Sam. T. Patterson, Mrs. B. Robertson, Miss E. M. Robertson, Mr. Wm. N. Thomas, Dr. W. R. Comfort, Miss R. Edmondson, Dr. C. K. Edmondson, Dr. R. L. and Mrs. Watts, Mr. C. G. Copley, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Gledhill, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Botohlo, Mr. J. Bradley, Mr. L. M. Cohn, Mr. H. Coate, Mr. J. C. P. d'Assumpcao, Mr. B. S. F. d'Assumpcao, Mr. R. S. Fernough, Mr. R. Hardvilliers, Miss P. Haslam, Mr. A. J. Hughes, Mr. A. Kopp, Mr. H. Lang, Mr. E. Langley, Mr. L. Ling, Mr. P. C. Lee, Mr. Y. T. Laing, Mr. Peter Laing, Miss B. Brunt, Miss V. Pargrave, Mr. G. H. Potts, Miss A. Rowley, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Trenchard, David, Miss V. Dodd, Miss M. Tyrell, Mr. R. W. Wedderburn, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. S. White, Misses S. and E. White, Mrs. E. C. White, Mr. K. M. Young, Mr. N. G. Beale, Mr. S. M. Lee, Miss E. P. Jones, Miss E. Clarke, Rev. Cady Eckstein, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Munroe, Mr. L. M. M. Ibrahim, Mr. A. N. M. Sathakulla, Mr. H. M. M. Sali, Rev. B. F. Meyer, Miss E. Olsen, Miss Martha Postma, Miss E. Shick, Miss R. Ripker, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Spangler, Mr. and Mrs. J. Spangler, Miss I. Spangler, Miss T. Coate, Gaston, Mr. L. J. King, Miss T. Coate, Miss L. Coate, Mrs. G. Koontz, Mr. L. C. Nielsen, Mr. J. F. Bald, and Mr. D. Schneider. Among passengers passing through on their way to Manila were: Dr. R. M. D. Altura, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Elizalde, Miss E. C. Houston, Mrs. A. J. Jones, Mr. C. Nuyergelt, Mr. Henry and Mrs. Reid, Mr. L. Rosenthal, Mr. G. L. Tumang, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Wooten, Mr. J. Lim, Jr., Mr. R. F. Henderson, Mr. R. Hubert, Mr. H. C. Baakett, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Best and infant, Mrs. M. Brandstatter, Mr. R. F. Chutter, Miss D. Davis, Miss F. Edgar, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Everall, Dr. A. W. Fearn, Mr. R. Hadley, Miss M. Jacob, Mr. J. P. Loftus, Miss H. MacGregor, Rev. E. J. McGunness, Mr. Ed. Bodas, Mr. E. Wada, Mr. J. Nambu, Miss P. P. Egoroff, Mr. J. Elliott, Mr. P. Laing, and Dr. E. Prister.

CONSIGNEE NOTICES.

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Hong Kong, 22nd December, 1926. [4349]

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J. LIMAGE.

Agent.

Hong Kong, 22nd December, 1926. [4939]

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Hong Kong, 22nd December, 1926. [4343]

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EMPRESS OF ASIA	Mar. 9	Mar. 9	Mar. 12	Mar. 15	Mar. 27
EMPRESS OF CANADA	Mar. 29	Mar. 29	Apr. 1	Apr. 4	Apr. 17
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Apr. 20	Apr. 20	Apr. 23	Apr. 26	Apr. 29
EMPRESS OF ASIA	May 11	May 11	May 14	May 17	May 29
EMPRESS OF CANADA	June 1	June 1	June 4	June 7	June 19
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"MALWA"	10,341	8th Jan.	Marseilles and London.
"KALYAN"	9,144	22nd Jan.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp and Hull.
"DEVANHA"	8,135	28th Jan.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay.
"MOOREA"	10,918	5th Feb.	Marseilles and London.
"DELTA"	8,097	18th Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo and Bombay.
"EASHMIE"	9,005	19th Feb.	Marseilles and London.
"NELLORE"	8,552	2nd March	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay.
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"KASHGAR"	9,005	12th March	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay.
"NYANZA"	7,243	18th March	Marseilles and London.
"MONGOLIA"	10,534	19th March	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay.
"DEVANHA"	11,120	2nd April	Marseilles and London.
"KALYAN"	8,135	9th April	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Rotterdam.
"KARMALA"	8,125	15th April	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"DELTA"	8,097	27th April	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay.
"MALWA"	10,980	30th April	Marseilles and London.
"KHIVA"	9,138	14th May	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
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"ARAFURA"	4,000	28th Jan.
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"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	1st April
"ARAFURA"	6,000	28th April
"TANDA"	6,956	3rd June

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"KALYAN"	9,144	28th Dec., 4 p.m.
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"ARAFURA"	6,000	4th Jan.
"MOOREA"	10,918	7th Jan.
"DEVANHA"	8,135	7th Jan.
"TAKADA"	10,000	12th Jan.
"NAGPORE"	5,233	18th Jan.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	21st Jan.
"DELTA"	8,097	21st Jan.
"TALMA"	10,000	21st Jan.
"MANTUA"	10,902	4th Feb.
"NELLORE"	8,553	5th Feb.
"TANDA"	6,959	12th Feb.
"MONGOLIA"	10,534	17th Feb.
"NYANZA"	7,243	18th Feb.
"DEVANHA"	11,120	4th March
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	8th March
"DEVANHA"	8,135	13th March
"KARMALA"	8,125	18th March
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"DELTA"	8,097	1st April
"ARAFURA"	6,000	5th April

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SWATOW & RANGKOK	"KIANGSU"	On 26th Dec.	10 a.m.
TSINGTAO & DALNY	"TINGHOU"	On 27th Dec.	Noon.
AMOI & SHANGHAI	"SHANTUNG"	On 28th Dec.	6 a.m.
AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"ANKING"	On 28th Dec.	6 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"SOOCHOW"	On 30th Dec.	6 a.m.
HOIHOW & HAIPHONG	"LEAN"	On 30th Dec.	Noon.
SHANGHAI	"SINKIANG"	On 1st Jan.	6 a.m.
SHANGHAI, SHANGHAI, TSINGTAO & DALNY	"LIANGHOU"	On 2nd Jan.	6 a.m.
AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"ANTUNG"	On 2nd Jan.	6 a.m.
SWATOW & RANGKOK	"KWANGCHOW"	On 2nd Jan.	10 a.m.
AMOI & SHANGHAI	"SUIYANG"	On 4th Jan.	6 a.m.
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